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NOT EVEN BENT BY GERMAN ONSLAUGHTS

Line in Verdun Region Holding;
Enemy Far From
Breaking It

FRENCH HOLD VIRTUALLY ALL OF CORBEAUX WOOD

Enemy Was Forced to Con-
sume Half Day in Reor-
ganizing Units

Paris, March 10.—The situation in the region of Verdun is regarded as much better, from the French viewpoint, as a result of yesterday's fighting. The public is greatly cheered by reports of the successful resistance on the part of the defenders of the fortresses. Notwithstanding an enormous expenditure of ammunition and untold sacrifice of life, the Germans have failed to bend, much less break, the line.

Exhausted by three days of violent effort, the assailants called a half-day's rest to replenish the depleted ranks of their infantry. The French took advantage of the respite to sweep out the Germans still remaining in the Corbeaux wood and in this effort were almost completely successful.

East of Meuse.
The renewal of heavy fighting east of the Meuse, attended by a series of assaults on Douaumont, has centred interest once more on that portion of the front. A good road runs through the gently sloping ravine up to the plateau before Douaumont, possession of which would enable the attacking forces to take the defences in the flank. Massed infantry, well-supported by artillery, struggled hard to win command of this easiest approach to the famous position, but the French were able to hold off the assaults and at the same time to deal with attacks from the village of Douaumont.

In the West the Germans did not attempt to pursue their actions further.

Spirits Still the Same.
Not even in the long battle have the French infantrymen had the order to advance. When they did receive it, they showed that their offensive spirit had not been dented by the fighting.

On Tuesday night the Germans held virtually the whole wood. To prevent cutting of communications of the French force on Goose Hill, French infantrymen were brought out from the trenches shortly before mid-day of Wednesday. They crossed the Bethincourt-Cumieres road, climbed the slope on the opposite side and entered the wood. From the southwestern edge another strong attack was directed from Les Caurettes, about a mile farther down the same road, against the Germans in Cumieres wood.

Attacked With Fury.
In the wood a desperate fight took place. An officer of the light infantry said:

"I had never seen my men go to the enemy with such fury. They cleared my section of the wood in less than an hour."

"At one point on the opposite edge of the wood a German machine gun was posted in a ditch, protected by breastworks of felled trees. It poured a deadly fire into us. A sergeant and twenty men volunteered to drive out the enemy. Advancing by leaps and bounds from tree to tree, they got in among the Germans with their bayonets. They took the gun and turned it about, starting a raking fire on the Germans. This did not last long for they soon jammed the gun in their enthusiasm."

Germans Lost Steadily.

By early afternoon virtually the whole wood was in the hands of the French. The Germans, however, prepared another onslaught. While reserves were being gathered behind Hill No. 265, artillery fire was concentrated on the reverse slopes of Goose Hill to prevent the bringing up of French supports.

The German attack began at dark. The fighting lasted intermittently all night and most of Thursday. The Germans steadily lost ground until at daylight they retained a bare footing in the wood.

Were Driven Out.

The hottest fighting of yesterday, however, was around Vaux, northeast of Verdun. Still intent on getting the Douaumont plateau, the German commander hurled troops against the village. Brigade after brigade dashed against the French front along the line between the villages of Vaux and Douaumont. On one occasion ten companies reached Vaux, but a French counter-attack soon drove them out.

Time after time German troops were annihilated by the fire of the French artillery, but they were replaced immediately by fresh regiments.

PROROGATION AT WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, March 10.—The Legislature was prorogued this afternoon by the Lieutenant-governor, Sir Douglas Cameron.

RUSSIAN FORCES ABOUT TO OCCUPY TREBIZOND



Washington, March 10.—Russian troops have landed on the Black Sea coast of Asiatic Turkey, and the occupation of Trebizond is imminent, according to a dispatch received to-day from the American embassy at Constantinople. The state department also was advised that the American consul at Trebizond had taken over the archives of the German consulate, the German consul having left.

NOT PRESENTED IN LISBON YESTERDAY

Portuguese Govt. Did Not
Learn Until To-day of Ger-
many's Declaration

PEOPLE OF REPUBLIC LOOK FOR ACTIVITIES

GOVT. OF PORTUGAL ANNOUNCES STATE OF WAR WITH GERMANY

Paris, March 10.—The Portuguese legation announces that a state of war exists between the Portuguese republic and the German empire as from 9 o'clock last evening.

Lisbon, March 10.—Herr Rosen, the German minister, late this afternoon presented personally to the foreign minister the ultimatum of the German government. The public is deeply concerned, because this action is supposed to mean war.

In view of the naval measures taken by the government, the Germans still remaining here are arranging to leave to-night. A special train is held in waiting for the German diplomatic and consular officials.

An item given out yesterday by the Overseas News Agency, the mouth-piece of the German government, said Germany had declared war on Portugal on Wednesday afternoon. Apparently this was unknown in Lisbon yesterday, which might have been due to delay in transmission of official messages between Berlin and Lisbon.

Lisbon, March 10.—Reservists, both naval and military, have been called to the colors.

FRENCH SHIP WAS SUNK; ALL SAVED

Louisiane Sent Down Last
Night Off Coast of
France

Paris, March 10.—A Havas dispatch from Havre says that the French line steamship Louisiane sank last night at 11 o'clock. All members of the crew were saved. No passengers were aboard.

It is presumed that the vessel was sunk by the submarine which has been operating along the coast between Boulogne and Havre and which torpedoed the Herminette.

The Louisiane had arrived from New Orleans, which port she left on February 11, entering Newport News on February 17, and leaving on the following day.

The vessel was built in 1905 at Dunkirk and was owned by the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique. She was of 5,193 tons gross, was 373 feet long and had a beam of 47 feet. For many years she had been engaged in the trans-Atlantic passenger service, mostly to ports in the Gulf of Mexico. No further details of the loss of the ship have been given out.

The allusion in the above dispatch to a submarine operating along the English Channel between Boulogne and Havre is the first word that has been received here regarding the presence of a hostile craft off that part of the French coast.

Germans Gave Out False Report About Situation at Vaux

Paris, March 10.—An official note has been issued categorically denying the statement made in the German official communication of March 9 that "the village and armored fort of Vaux were captured in a glorious night attack by Posen reserve regiments under the leadership of Gen. von Guertel Carnitz."

This assertion, the note says, is in every way false.
The note denies other statements contained in recent German official communications.

WILL STRIKE IN BALKANS IN MAY

Armies of British, French and
Serbians Will Number
About 250,000

SUPPLIES STILL BEING CARRIED TO SALONICA

Salonica, Feb. 25.—The great Balkan offensive of the allied armies is popularly believed to be arranged for the first week in May. Should weather conditions prove exceptionally favorable it may take place even earlier. That it will take place soon, no one in Salonica doubts for a moment. The only thing that can stop it is for the Germans and Bulgarians to move first—and there is little expectancy of this.

The increasing stores of munitions and supplies arriving in this port in an unending stream, the constant work of General Sarail and his staff, the activity of the allied scouts and aeroplanes, the high spirits of the French and British soldiers, and the eagerness of the Serbians to get themselves in fighting trim again at the earliest possible moment, add to the conviction that an allied offensive from Salonica in the spring is a certainty.

TORPEDO BOAT AND A DESTROYER LOST

Two Small British War Craft
Struck Mines; Cas-
ualty Lists 55

London, March 10.—The British torpedo boat destroyer Coquette and torpedo boat No. 11 have been sunk by striking mines. It was announced officially this afternoon. The number of casualties was 55.

The statement follows:
"H. M. torpedo boat destroyer Coquette, Lieut. Vere Seymour, R. N. R., in command, and H. M. torpedo boat No. 11, Lieut. J. A. Leigh, R. N. R., have struck mines off the east coast and sunk."

The casualties were: Coquette, 1 officer and 21 men; the torpedo boat, 3 officers and 39 men."

The Coquette belonged to the Class D destroyers, the average displacement of which vessels is 435 tons. She carried one 12-pounder gun forward, and five 6-pounders and was fitted with two torpedo tubes. Her complement in peace times was 60. On her trial trips she made 30.3 knots. She was about 19 years old.

Torpedo boat No. 11 displaced 255 tons and carried two 12-pounders and was fitted with three torpedo tubes. Her designed speed was 26 knots. She was built in 1906.

BRITISH CIVILIANS
KILLED BY GERMANS
3,153, SAYS ASQUITH

London, March 10.—The number of non-combatants killed by Great Britain's enemies since the beginning of the war aggregates 3,153, Mr. Asquith writes in reply to a request for information by Major Hunter. Forty-nine men, 39 women and 39 children were killed in coast bombardments. One hundred and twenty-seven men, 92 women and 57 children were killed in the air raids. Approximately 2,750 non-combatants lost their lives on board British merchant and fishing vessels between August 4, 1914, and March 8, 1916, but the detailed figures are not available.

NO CHANGE NEAR VERDUN, SAYS PARIS

Violent Bombardment Carried
Out; German Infantry
Did Not Attack

ADMISSION MADE BY BERLIN WAR OFFICE

After False Statement Yester-
day, Says French Regained
Foothold in Vaux

Paris, March 10.—There was no change in the situation before Verdun either east or west of the Meuse, according to a semi-official announcement made here this afternoon.

The announcement added that the violent bombardment continues on both banks of the Meuse, but that there have been no infantry attacks by the Germans.

German Statement.
Berlin, March 10.—Capture of the Ablain-wood was announced to-day by army headquarters.

It was stated that the French had regained a foothold in the fort of Vaux, northeast of Verdun.

To West Front.
Athens, March 10.—The correspondent of the Daily Chronicle at Athens states that according to information he has received from Bulgarian sources, the German division which was at Ruschuk, Bulgaria, near the Roumanian frontier, has left for the front in France.

CANADA ATTEMPTING TOO MUCH, HE SAYS

Lord Shaughnessy Declares
Great Care Must Be Exer-
cised in Recruiting

Montreal, March 10.—Lord Shaughnessy doubts the advisability of the effort Canada is making to raise forces to the number of 500,000, as called for by Sir Robert Borden, and he so stated at a meeting of business and military leaders held yesterday under the auspices of the Montreal Board of Trade.

The meeting had been called with a view to encouraging recruiting in this military district, where the number of enlistments admittedly is unsatisfactory.

Major-General Sir Sam Hughes, who addressed the gathering, said that Montreal, with its 700,000 population, should easily be able to recruit 70,000 men, and at the worst, 50,000.

Lord Shaughnessy replied that if this were done, women would have to be called upon to assist in the raising of the forces.

He said that the raising of 500,000 men would be a task of enormous proportions, and that the methods of giving the greatest assistance were not being followed. He deprecated the multiplicity of battalions being formed at the same time.

A resolution was passed approving what had been done in Montreal in the way of recruiting, calling upon large employers to furnish lists of eligible men to the Citizens' Recruiting Association, and asking employers to encourage, in every way except by compulsion, their employees to enlist at once.

A Serious Strain.
"I cannot believe that the suggestion emanating from the prime minister," said Lord Shaughnessy, "that we should endeavor to raise 500,000 men, is a practicable suggestion. If we attempt to raise 500,000, or add 25,000 to our present army, we will be making a draft upon the working population of this country that will be seriously felt."

"Within the past few days I received a communication asking if the C. P. R. would not lend its assistance in bringing 10,000 agriculturists to the western provinces to assist in seeding and harvesting, and taking them home after the season is finished. With such conditions facing us, we must go slowly about recruiting and carry out the best plans for the country in a sane, methodical and businesslike way."

"Some of the first contingent are still in camp in England. In the meantime we have 130,000 men here,

COUNTRY DEMANDS RESIGNATION OF BOWSER CABINET

Splendid Speech of Leader of the Opposi-
tion in the Legislature; Arraigns Past
and Present Policies of Administration;
Accounting Required of Railway Aid.

"It is the duty of the premier, after the mandate given in the three by-elections, to have enacted what non-contentious legislation is necessary, secure a moderate supply and then go to the country for its decision as to whether the people want this administration longer to remain in power."

"What is wanted now is not petty politics; what is wanted is not too much party politics; but that we should get down to the solid business before the country and, by wise legislation, raise British Columbia into the foremost rank as a producing province."

"We insist that the province should know the attitude of the premier in regard to the conduct of public affairs and to the legislation he intends to lay before the House. The people have said they will have none of his policies. The emphatic disapproval of one-half the electorate should force the premier to a statement of his position on the floor of this House."

"If the shipbuilding industry is not good enough for the people interested in the lumber industry to get behind with their money it is not good enough for the people of this province to back."

"If you undertake to build ships politically, as you undertook to build railways politically, British Columbia will be in a worse condition than it is to-day—and that is bad enough."

"Before one dollar further is placed behind the Pacific Great Eastern or any other railway we must have an impartial investigation and find out where the money already given has gone. It is the right of the people to know that, and if any of it has been wrongfully expended I demand that the premier take every step known to legal resource to secure its restoration. Until that is done I for one shall refuse to put good money after bad."

Representing an outlay of \$11,000,000 or probably \$12,000,000 a month, who by no process I know of can be moved across for a very long time to come. Probably it would have been better to have moved more slowly and saved \$5,000,000 a month for use hereafter, but we have them now and must maintain them.

Is It Wise?
"But will it be wise for us, with these 130,000, to go on increasing our financial responsibilities, increasing the debt of the country and therefore lessening our ability to be of financial service to the empire when the time comes, if it should, when we are called upon for such assistance? If the time should come we must make any sacrifice whatever to get the requisite number of troops to the front to save the situation. We must resort to conscription if necessary, although I do not think we are prepared for that, or that it will be necessary."

Lord Shaughnessy advised that instead of starting more battalions, the units approaching completion should be entirely filled first. He urged that employers prepare lists of eligible employees who might be canvassed carefully and intelligently. In this way, he thought, a sufficient supply of men could be obtained to fill the places of the troops going to England to take the places of those going to the front, this would supply the wastage.

Hughes's Reply.
Maj.-Gen. Sir Sam Hughes, in his address made brief reference to Lord Shaughnessy's speech.
"I am sorry," said he, "that Lord Shaughnessy does not agree with our plan of raising regiments. We are willing to trust him with the management and raising of railways, but I probably have had as much experience as most in the raising of men, and so far with fairly good success."

Mr. Brewster spoke for an hour and a half, and in measured tones he dealt briefly but effectively with point after point of the government's record, and exposed the weakness of its policies, new and old. He demanded, on behalf of the people, that they be given an early opportunity to pronounce upon the state of the polls, and he plainly stated the opposition attitude towards legislation proposed in the event that the premier insists upon blundering ahead regardless of public sentiment.

Mr. Brewster was received with applause from the floor of the House and cheers and applause from the galleries. He said:

"Circumstances over which I had no control made it impossible for me, Mr. Speaker, to hear the speeches of the mover and seconder of the address. I have no doubt, however, that they acquitted themselves in their usual creditable manner, and I have before me the resolution in reply which they offered."

"I note, Mr. Speaker, that the complexion of the House has changed somewhat since last session, and while my hon. friend, from Grand Forks did not think Vancouver was to be congratulated, I certainly think that the city of Vancouver is to be congratulated on having sent here the gentleman who now sits to my left. I am going to leave the question of the choice made by the citizens of Victoria to them to decide at the end of this session."

"We have very recently gone through three by-elections in this province. In all these the opposition candidates have been successful. Speaking now of Rossland, I consider that the fact that the present minister of mines represents the minority vote of that district it was at least a great moral victory for the opposition. I consider that in the

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TRUTH SET FORTH BY BRITISH EMBASSY

False Statements Made by Germany in Washington Through Bernstorff-Exposed

Washington, March 10.—The text of the statement issued yesterday by the British embassy refuting the charges made by Germany in the memorandum handed on Wednesday to Secretary Lansing by Count von Bernstorff is as follows:

"According to the German statement, German submarine warfare was enforced on February 18, 1915, as an act of reprisal against illegal acts of Great Britain."

"The Admiral Ganteaume, with 2,000 confined refugees on board, mostly women and children, was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine on October 24, 1914. Two British merchant vessels were torpedoed without warning on January 30, and the British hospital ship Asturias was fired at with a torpedo on February 1."

"The illegal acts complained of apparently are the non-acceptance of the London convention of 1889, the enlargement of the list of contraband, the warning to merchantmen as to the mines in the North Sea, and the capture of the steamship Wilhelmnia, with foodstuffs, on February 9."

"The Declaration of London of 1909 was never ratified by the government and was never binding on them. One of the reasons for non-ratification of the convention was the claim of the German government as to the right to treat foodstuffs as contraband."

"The enlargement of the list of contraband is an acknowledged belligerent right. The warning to merchant vessels in November was due to the fact that the Germans had planted mines in the high seas, resulting in the destruction of many merchant vessels, foreign as well as British."

"The steamship Wilhelmnia, with a cargo of foodstuffs for Hamburg, was stopped only after the German warships had destroyed the Dutch vessel Maria (September, 1914) and the Frye (January, 1915), which were carrying grain from California to Ireland."

"(Signed) British Embassy, Washington."

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SUCCESSFUL RAID BY CANADIAN PARTIES

Correspondent Describes Surprise Attack at Night on German Trench

London, March 10.—A correspondent writes from British headquarters in France:

"Canadians have won a reputation as good fighters in hand-to-hand encounters. Their ability in this respect was demonstrated lately when an expedition of 25 started out on a trench raid and returned with 23, having accounted for about double their number and destroyed two machine guns and a considerable portion of a trench."

"There had been a certain lulliness in the German trenches and a bombing attack was planned. When darkness fell the bomb-throwers crept forward, making slow progress. A false move, a cough or a sound of any kind meant instant death. The Prussian Guards in the German trench apparently were in merry mood, and snatches of a love-song occasionally came from the trench."

"At last the barbed wire entanglements were reached. They were stouter than had been anticipated. It took a long time, but the barrier was cut. There was a delay. Another party farther along the line was not yet ready for the final rush. Patiently the party waited; the snatches of love-songs were in merry mood, and snatches of a love-song occasionally came from the trench."

"The Prussians were now aroused. Flares burst out all along the line and a trench full of the Prussian Guard. The Canadians rushed in, throwing their bombs and bayoneting freely. Their leader already was wounded. The Guardsmen had been taken by surprise and rushed in confusion from their dug-outs. One of them held up his hands and shouted in English that he wished to surrender, but a rifle pointed from behind through his upraised arms revealed the ruse. A revolver bullet settled the first man's account and the second went down with a bayonet in his chest."

"Further up the line a machine gun was just beginning to get dangerous when a well directed bomb sent it into space. Hand-to-hand, the Canadians exacted a heavy toll. They carried everything before them, and at the end could go no farther as a heap of dead bodies and demolished trench barred the way."

"The return journey to the British trenches had to be made across a bullet-swept area. One man was dragging back the body of a comrade, while another was supporting a wounded companion. The Canadians halted for an instant while a bomb was thrown. It was a fine shot, and the bomb landed right in the middle of the machine gun which was most dangerous, silencing it."

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GANGES CHAPTER

Officers Elected by Branch of I. O. D. E.: 130 Pairs of Socks During Year.

Ganges, March 10.—There were 32 present at the annual meeting of the Ganges Chapter, I. O. D. E., the chief business being the resignation and election of officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. Scott, regent; Mrs. Halley and Mrs. Walcott, vice-regents; Mrs. Smith, secretary; Mrs. Deane, treasurer; and Mrs. Morris, standard bearer, all resigned. Mrs. Scott was re-elected regent by acclamation; Mrs. Walter and Mrs. Mount, vice-regents; Mrs. E. Walter, Secretary; Mrs. Wilkes, assistant secretary; Mrs. Abbott, treasurer; Miss Walter, standard bearer, and Mrs. L. G. Tolson, Echoes secretary.

Ten members were elected counselors: Miss Johnson, Miss Dean, Miss Wilkes, Mrs. B. Cartwright, Mrs. G. Halley, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Westerman, Mrs. Prentice, Mrs. Beech and Mrs. Palmer, to be responsible for and superintending all outdoor entertainments, stalls, etc. Mrs. Smith was appointed manager for indoor entertainments for the I. O. D. E.; Miss Sharpe and Miss Stevenson, cutters-out of garments, and Mrs. Walter, head of the knitting department.

A large box of pyjamas, shirts, etc., was dispatched to Victoria, and by the next meeting Miss Sharpe will have plenty more articles ready for those willing to sew. Mrs. Walter had 15 pairs of socks sent in, and congratulated the knitters on the excellence of their work, and the number sent in during the year, which amounted to 130 pairs.

The meeting was held at Mrs. Mounts, and the thanks of the I. O. D. E. are due to her for her great kindness in giving the use of her room for their monthly meetings.

The proceedings terminated with the national anthem.

FRENCH TESTIFIED FOR G. G. MOORE, OF DETROIT

London, March 10.—Field-Marshal Viscount French appeared in the court or king's bench yesterday as a witness in the libel action brought by George Gordon Moore, of Detroit, against Hulton & Company, publishers of the Manchester Evening Chronicle.

The libel complained of consisted of an article accusing Mr. Moore of betraying British military secrets which had been learned through his intimacy with Lord French. After evidence had been given on behalf of Mr. Moore, the defendants withdrew all charges and apologized. The case was then withdrawn on terms which were not made public, the defendants paying the costs.

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FURTHER PROGRESS IN CORBEAUX WOOD

East of Meuse French Repulsed Violent Attacks; Germans Suffered Heavily

Paris, March 10.—The following official statement was issued last night:

"In Belgium, our artillery has displayed activity against the enemy positions to the south of Lombaertzyde. In Champagne we effectively bombarded the defensive organizations of the enemy to the west of Navarin, to the east of the Butte-du-Mesnil and in the region of Massiges."

"To the west of the Meuse, our troops continued to make progress during the course of the day in the Bois-des-Corbeaux, almost the whole of which we hold."

"To the east of the Meuse, the Germans directed several attacks against our front from Douaumont as far as Vaux. At the outskirts of the village of Douaumont an attack was broken up by our infantry and artillery fire. Violent assaults against the village of Vaux likewise were repulsed with heavy losses for the enemy."

"Violent Attacks Repulsed. Finally the Germans launched against our trenches bordering the foot of the slopes of the ridge dominating Fort Vaux violent attacks in solid formations, which were driven back, the Germans suffering enormous losses from our curtain of fire."

"The artillery activity to the west and east of the Meuse has been very violent on both sides."

"The bombardment in the Woëvre has been intermittent."

"In Upper Alsace we carried, after grenade fighting, one section of an enemy trench in the region of Entre Lagueux, east of Seppois."

"The following Belgian official communication was issued last evening:

"There have been reciprocal artillery actions, especially in the region of Dixmude and further to the north."

British Report.

London, March 10.—The following official statement was issued last night:

"Last night we repulsed a small attack near the Hohenzollern Redoubt. To-day the enemy sprang a mine near Givenchy, but made no infantry attack."

"There has been considerable artillery activity by both sides about Ypres."

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, March 10.—The following casualty list was issued last night:

Second Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. Jas. W. Maxwell, Ireland; Pte. James Johnstone, Dartmouth, N. S.; Pte. Geo. H. Chubb, Ontario.

Third Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. H. Fort, Montreal.

Severely wounded: Pte. R. C. Spalding, England.

Slightly wounded: Pte. Harry F. Cobbold, England; Pte. Thomas E. Carway, Toronto.

Fifth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. James Ferguson, Scotland.

Seventh Battalion—Previously reported wounded and prisoner of war, now reported died of wounds: Pte. O. H. Dupras, Grenfell, Sask.

Ninth Battalion—Died: Pte. Hugh Morris, England.

Thirteenth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. H. Docherty, Maxville, P. E. I.

Fourteenth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. R. E. Dedard, Quebec.

Fifteenth Battalion—Previously reported missing; now killed in action: Pte. Harry Hild, England.

Eighteenth Battalion—Died of wounds: Pte. Walter Stanley, England.

Dangerously wounded: Pte. Chas. Baldwin, Scotland.

Seriously wounded: Pte. George Fielder, England.

Accidentally wounded—Pte. Wm. Turner, England.

Nineteenth Battalion—Accidentally wounded: Pte. Geo. Stewart, Scotland.

Twenty-second Battalion—Wounded: Pte. N. Thomas, Montreal.

Twenty-sixth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. Ian D. Cameron, Lepreau, N. B.; Pte. C. Blair, Montreal; etc. A. Pigott, England; Pte. D. T. Thompson, Centerville, N. S.

Forty-second Battalion—Wounded, again on duty: Pte. Samuel Chandler, Pownall, P. E. I.

Forty-ninth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. John E. Ward, England.

Sixtieth Battalion—Seriously ill: Pte. Leonard E. Per, England.

Royal Canadian Regiment—Dangerously ill: Pte. Daniel J. Sava, North Bay, Ont.

Wounded: Pte. R. Revell, Ottawa.

Sixth Howitzer Brigade—Accidentally wounded—slightly: Bomb. William T. Hawborne, Peterboro, Ont.

Canadian Divisional Ammunition Column—Killed in action: Gr. William Taylor, England.

THRIFT CAMPAIGN
STARTED IN RUSSIA

Petrograd, March 10.—A committee of members of the Duma has begun a thrift campaign, and is urging the government to support it by prohibiting importation of luxuries and by using every means in its power to turn the stream of unfruitful expenditure into the channel of national war effort.

The committee urges that the railways should cease to carry anything but the necessities of life, and protests that in some cases flowers and mineral waters have been given precedence over flour and coal.

An increase in the tax on theatre tickets also is being urged, although the tax already amounts to about 25 per cent of the price.

Pompous Author (to-veteran editor): "What would you advise a man to do whose ideas are in advance of the times?" Veteran Editor (promptly): "I would advise him to sit down quietly and wait for the times to catch up."

New Spring Suits for Women

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Tan Poplin Suit—New flare coat, shawl collar trimmed with Paddy green, belt in front. At \$20.00

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TRADE CONFERENCE OF THE ALLIES AT PARIS

London, March 10.—It was revealed in the house yesterday that the economic conference to be held shortly in Paris will be only deliberative, and will not commit the Allied nations at present to any specific measures.

The suggestion was made by Richard Holt that the conference should not commit Great Britain to any radical changes in its fiscal policy before parliament has been permitted to discuss the matter thoroughly. Another member said that there had been boasting outside the house that free trade had been killed, and that a policy of protection had been decided upon.

In reply Mr. Asquith said nothing.

would be done at the Paris conference to fetter the action of the government, parliament or the nation. He made it plain that the representatives would not go beyond an interchange of views, and would return absolutely uncommitted to any specific measures.

GLASGOW'S WATCHES.

Glasgow, March 10.—Because nearly every available skilled mechanic has been called up to work on munitions and shells for the men at the front, local jewelers and watchmakers have announced that they will not undertake to repair watches unless in gold cases and of special value, and then only at two months' notice.

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Carvell Points Out Great Sums
Squandered in Ordering
Fuses and Shells

Ottawa, March 10.—The acts of the debate on Sir Wilfrid Laurier's resolution for an inquiry into the shell committee was continued in the House of Commons yesterday by F. B. Carvell, Liberal, Carleton, N. B., who concluded the speech commenced by him on Tuesday night, and R. B. Bennett, Conservative, Calgary.

Mr. Carvell said that millions of shell fuses had been ordered in the United States at a price of about \$22,000,000. These fuses should have been purchased in England or could have been made in Canada. There had been long delay before the committee had considered the important question of fuses at all. It could have saved \$2,000,000 by getting the fuses in England. After getting fuses at \$2.35 in England some time ago, the committee had ordered \$333,000 fuses at \$4.50 in the United States. Another class of fuse could have been got in Canada at \$3.50 for a contract of 500,000. But the committee had placed an order in the United States for 1,000,000 fuses at \$4.

Mr. Carvell added that fuses were actually being made and delivered in Canada now by the Russell Motor Car company. That company was delivering 35,000 a day, and declared it could fill its order ahead of time. The American companies, on the other hand, had not delivered any fuses.

Allison's Trail

"It all comes back," said Mr. Carvell, "to the same dirty trail of J. W. Allison. This is the man who is now playing sick down in New York, and who is said to have pneumonia. This is the man who secured passage to the other night on a train from New York to Canada and actually got on board, but left again before the train departed and went back to his hotel. He thinks somebody is watching him, and somebody is watching him too. We know where he will be to-morrow morning. We know whom he will be closest with at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. He will be with the man who has not enough manhood to stand here and answer these charges that I am making."

The speaker called Mr. Carvell to order. The latter withdrew his remarks and referred to the minister of militia as the man who had said the prices of shells were higher in Britain than in Canada, but was not here to answer the charges that were being made. He had gone to Montreal to address a meeting of the board of trade, and then was going south to see Allison in New York, and then these "two and others" of their "stamp" would "confer together in the balm atmosphere of Florida."

Matter of Shells

Mr. Carvell said that up to a month ago shrapnel shells had cost on an average of \$3.50 each. To-day the government would have no difficulty in placing orders for 50,000 shells at \$1.35 each.

In regard to 18-pound shells, the situation was worse, because with a couple of exceptions the placing of these orders had been largely a matter of politics. In proof of this, he instanced a number of Western firms which had been given orders for 10,000 shells during the summer of 1915. Up to a month ago none of these companies had made any deliveries. They included the Dominion Harvester Company, of Medicine Hat; the International Supply Company, of Medicine Hat; the Manitoba Bridge & Iron Works, of Winnipeg; the Manitoba Shell Company, of St. Boniface, and the Manitoba Harvester Company.

Then there was the Transcona Shell Company, which had received an order for 250,000 shells. It would be interesting, he said, if the government would take the house into its confidence and tell who were the directors of this company. No fewer than 1,700,000 18-pound shells had been purchased at an average cost of \$4.75. Now the makers were tumbling over one another to get orders at \$1.75. More than one-quarter of all the contracts let for these shells had been let at the highest price, \$3.75.

"As for the minister of militia," said Mr. Carvell, "he has not the hardihood to come here and face the facts."

Railway Estimates

When Mr. Bennett had concluded at the evening sitting, the house went into committee on supply on the railway estimates, and Hon. J. D. Reid made the annual statement relating to railways. He announced a surplus on the I. C. R. of more than \$1,000,000. The N. T. R. line, now under government control, had done fairly well for a start, the deficit on the first seven months of operation being only \$20,000. The active minister declared his faith in the feasibility of the Hudson's Bay railway route. The work, he said, would be pushed steadily to a completion.

AYLMER SEVEN MILES
EAST OF KUT-EL-AMARA

London, March 10.—The war office issued the following statement on the campaign in Mesopotamia last night:

"General Lake (commander of the British forces) reports that General Aylmer (in command of the relief forces) advanced on March 6, and moving by the right bank of the Tigris, reached Eslian, a position about seven miles east of Kut-el-Amara. This position was attacked on March 8, but General Aylmer was unable to dislodge the enemy.

"General Aylmer states that the enemy suffered very heavily, and beyond strengthening his positions, has shown no activity. Our casualties were not heavy, and in the majority of cases were very slight."

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RUSSIANS INVADED
TRENCHES IN DAYLIGHT

Petrograd, March 10.—The following official communication was issued last night:

"A considerable force of Germans attempting to cross the Dvina near Schloss-Kochhusen, east of Friedland, was dispersed by our fire. Northwest of Jacobstadt the Germans shell our cantonments.

"The enemy's heavy artillery has fired on Livenhof and the neighboring railway stations of Tsargrad and Neitgaig.
"Near Iloukist our scouts destroyed an enemy outpost, taking some prisoners. Northeast of Olykist we invaded the enemy's trenches in broad daylight, the enemy troops being partly bayoneted and partly captured.
"In the region of the Upper Ikva our fire dispersed a large enemy force which was attempting to reach our trenches.

"In Galicia, in the region of Tarnopol, the enemy launched a night offensive supported by gusts of artillery fire. He was repulsed by our rifle fire and we took some prisoners.
"Caucasus front: We have pushed the Turks back along the shore of the river Kalapa to Mush."

OVERSEAS DOMINIONS
AND EMPIRE COUNCILS

London, March 10.—An invitation to the overseas dominions to share in the councils of the empire was extended yesterday by Rt. Hon. Andrew Bonar Law, colonial secretary, at a luncheon given in honor of Mr. Hughes, prime minister of Australia.

Mr. Law referred to Mr. Hughes' presence at a cabinet meeting earlier in the day, and said there were no secrets to be held from the Australian prime minister. He declared that both the government and the people were ready to welcome the overseas dominions to their councils, and that he hoped and believed that this war would result in an empire one in spirit and action.

OPERATOR REMAINED
AT THE SWITCHBOARD

Gave First News of Raid on
Columbus to Outside
World

Columbus, N. M., March 10.—With blood streaming down her face from cuts made by flying glass when the Villa bandits entered the town, Mrs. C. C. Parks, wife of the editor of the Columbus Courier, sat for two hours at the switchboard in the telephone exchange and gave the first news of the raid to the outside world.

Mrs. Parks, who is in charge of the Columbus exchange at night while her husband remains at their home outside the town, heard the first shots fired by the raiders when they entered the town at 4.30 o'clock. She put out the lights, snatched up her baby and took her station at the telephone board in the rear of the darkened building.

Bullets broke all of the windows in the building; flying glass cut her face, but she remained at the telephone.
"For God's sake do not call me," she commanded when the operator at Deming answered her call. "I will call you. If you call, the Mexicans will find me," she whispered between the volleys of bullets.

Once several of the raiders started to enter the building in search of loot. They concluded that there was nothing of value in the place and directed their attention to the grocery store opposite and to the hotel east of the exchange.

The infantry company at Deming responded to the call for assistance, arriving after the raiders had been driven into Mexico.

At Former Massacre

Columbus, N. M., March 10.—The pocketbook of T. M. Evans, one of the Americans killed in the Santa Ysabel massacre, was found on the body of the Mexican identified as Pablo Lopez, second in command to Villa.

Another Band Reported

"Columbus, N. M., March 10.—A considerable force of armed civilians left Haverley to-day for Gibson's ranch, 15 miles west, upon receipt of a report that a body of Mexican bandits had appeared near that point. Col. H. J. Slocum immediately took steps to determine the correctness of the report.

ANOTHER EFFORT BY
FORD PEACE PARTY

Stockholm, March 10.—A delegation from the Ford permanent peace board, composed of Rev. Dr. Charles F. Aked, M. Lamm, of Denmark, and Miss Marguerite Gobst, of Switzerland, left Stockholm last night for Copenhagen. They are entrusted with a mission to the Scandinavian premiers and foreign ministers now in conference in Copenhagen, the purpose being to induce the statesmen to take steps for mediation between the belligerents.

FREEZING OF FISH
IN UNITED KINGDOM

London, March 10.—Canadian methods of refrigerating fish may be adopted in the United Kingdom. Attention in favor of such a step was started here at a meeting of the Cold Storage and Ice association when it was pointed out that the prejudice of the people against frozen fish was due largely to the fact that the freezing was seldom begun when the fish was fresh, as is the case in Canada.

The question of the development of the supply of refrigerated fish arose when it was stated that last year the government had purchased frozen meat valued at more than \$125,000,000. Lack of proper development in the methods of preserving fish was the only reason why the public did not buy almost as much of it as it did of meat. What was needed, it was pointed out, was cold storage at the fishing ports, constructed specially for freezing the fish directly after it was landed.

ONE WAS KILLED.

Altoona, Pa., March 10.—Of the 25 passengers on board the Mauchatan Limited, one of the Pennsylvania railroad's fast New York-Chicago trains, wrecked last night near Port Royal, 59 miles west of Harrisburg, only three were injured. P. Schoppe, a fireman, was killed, and Thomas P. Trout, an engineer, was badly hurt.

The limited train crashed into a freight wreck and the entire train was derailed.

SOLDIERS' FINGER-PRINTS.

London, March 10.—Many officers in the army who have witnessed numerous attempts to persuade soldiers fighting in the trenches, or reported missing, are convinced that the finger-prints of every fighting man should be taken as a certain means of identification.

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The buildings were a raging furnace when the firemen arrived and nothing could be done except to prevent the blaze spreading. The burning structures became a pyramid of fire that illuminated the whole city. The roar of the flames could be heard down town.

A watchman was stationed at the plant until recently, when his services

were dispersed with for the sake of economy.

OPERATIONS AGAINST
GERMAN EAST AFRICA

London, March 10.—The following official communication concerning the operations of the British in East Africa was made public last night:

"Troops under the command of Lieut-General Smuts have advanced against the German forces in the Kilimanjaro section (northeastern boundary of German East Africa). On March 7 General Smuts seized the crossings of the Luni river with an insignificant loss. Several counterattacks by the enemy were successfully repulsed."

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A GRAVE STEP.

In authorizing the dispatch of an army to Mexico to capture Villa dead or alive, Washington has taken a step which may involve far-reaching consequences. But whether it has the consent of Carranza or not, no other course was open unless the nation was prepared to surrender a considerable part of its territory to the potential domination of a blood-thirsty, foreign bandit. Obviously a large force will be required for the task. Villa will not only rally all the lawless elements of his country behind him, but notwithstanding his reputation and atrocities he will gain the adherence of even the better classes of Mexicans whose hatred of Americans will blind them to their leader's gory record and barbarism. Just how strong the response of this element will be it is hard to surmise at this juncture, but it would not be surprising if the entry of a punitive expedition into Mexico produced a wave of anti-Americanism to which even Carranza might have to give his support or sacrifice his office. But whatever may happen Villa must be put down. We venture the prediction, however, that before the bandit and his followers have been killed or captured the United States will find itself firmly committed to the unenviable duty of restoring law and order in Mexico and putting its administration on a sound basis. Villa's coup may work out in the end to the eternal benefit of the revolution-cursed republic.

GERMANY AND PORTUGAL.

The chief result of Germany's declaration of war against Portugal will be the dispelling of the cloud of mystery which has surrounded the relations between the two nations since the early stages of the great struggle. From time to time it has been reported that Portugal has broken with Berlin in pursuance of the terms of her treaty with Great Britain, and several clashes between German and Portuguese soldiers in Southwest Africa actually occurred. On one occasion it was definitely announced that a division of troops was about to leave Portugal for an invasion of the country which afterwards was conquered by Botha and Smuts. Now both countries know precisely where they stand, and it is difficult to see why either need be very greatly disturbed by that knowledge. Portugal's seizure of thirty-six German ships in the Tagus the other day was an act of war, but it was not done out of a spirit of wanton provocation. From the commencement of the struggle German agents have been trying to create trouble for the allies in Portugal, as in Spain. Their propaganda has made considerable headway in Alfonso's kingdom, but it could not shake the traditional friendship of the Portuguese people for Great Britain nor could it obscure their recollection of the great debt they owe to her. Nevertheless the intrigues continued and not long ago a German ship, interned at Funchal, in Madeira, made a successful break for the high seas. Evidently the Portuguese authorities expected similar performances from the ships in the Tagus and decided to forestall it by seizing the entire fleet.

It is questionable, however, if Portugal's actual entry into the war will be of any greater assistance to the allies than her sympathetic neutrality has been. British and French ships have been using her ports as bases for some time and her own navy is negligible. She might be able to send several divisions of troops to France or Salonica if they were needed, but the allies have ample numbers for all purposes now on the ground or in training. Besides, the political atmosphere of Portugal is proverbially sultry and the government might not care to send any large force of troops away.

Germany, of course, can do no harm to Portugal. In fact she can do that

country less damage than she could before, because her agents now will have to pick up and leave. But Germany in declaring war had another object besides the mere vindication of her honor. She desires it to be an object lesson for other neutrals. Those neutrals, however, like the world in general, will be at a loss to appreciate the force of a lesson which does no more than advertise Germany's utter impotence to strike at any nation not contiguous to her own boundaries or the boundaries of her allies.

MR. BREWSTER'S AMENDMENT.

No opposition leader ever had stronger grounds for moving a resolution of want of confidence in a government than those upon which Mr. Brewster based his amendment to the reply to the speech from the throne yesterday afternoon. The administration chose three by-elections, in which important members of the executive were candidates, instead of a general election, to test its strength with the people. Two of those by-elections were held in the most populous centres of the province. All of them were intended to register the political atmosphere in the metropolitan area, the subdivisions of the island, the coast and the interior. The government's record and policy were condemned in each case. In Vancouver and Victoria by majorities so large as to remove all doubt that in those constituencies the tide of popular sentiment is running overwhelmingly against the government. Even in Rossland the Minister of Mines was a minority winner.

Mr. Brewster is reported to hold the view that public sentiment in other parts of the province is more favorable to his ministry. But we doubt if he really thinks so. If he were certain of two safe seats, elsewhere he would have made another attempt to fill the important portfolios of Public Works and Railways and Finance, instead of doubling the duties of a cabinet which was weak enough in all conscience without any vacancy. He already has stated that there will be no election until the summer. For several months, therefore, he intends that the administration of the affairs of the country shall be carried on by a crippled executive. But whether in view of the recent by-elections he will be permitted to do this by the Lieut.-Governor remains to be seen. If the principles of representative government be adhered to he will be compelled to dissolve the legislature as soon as routine business has been transacted and hold a general election immediately thereafter.

THE NEW ATTITUDE.

Among the interesting phenomena to be observed in the legislature following the election of Messrs. Brewster and Macdonald is the tone in which members supporting the administration profess to welcome an investigation of the government's record. They say they will facilitate every effort made by the opposition to get at the truth of the charges levelled against the administration.

But all this suggests the question: Why did they not adopt that attitude before? Why did they not offer to assist Parker Williams in turning the searchlight upon all transactions brought into question? They were aware of grave abuses in the administration of the public lands—the Supreme Courts of British Columbia and the Dominion told them so. Why did they not seek a full investigation of those matters? They knew that the province was expending millions upon millions more than its revenue and that much of that enormous amount was wasted. Why did they not support the demand made by the two oppositionists in the House, and their opponents out of it, for a proper inquiry by the Public Accounts Committee? They knew of the Kildare Reserve deal. Did not this call for an investigation and should they not have demanded it?

Some of those members have sat in the legislature for many years. Unprotesting they have seen it stripped of its functions one by one, its powers and authorities being usurped by the executive. Last session they rejected an amendment to the rules of the House by which Mr. Williams sought to acquire for the opposition the right to force a division on disputed questions. On one occasion they even voted down a resolution by Mr. Williams without hearing it read and without having the faintest inkling of what it contained. Yet their duty to the country called as insistently to them then as it does now.

The government followers are suffering from dry rot. Years ago they surrendered their initiative and independence to two men, one of whom finally eliminated the other, and intends to remain in chief command of the ship as long as she floats. They got into the habit of supporting without question everything good, bad and indifferent that was placed before them. They were quite content to have Sir Richard McBride and his aggressive Attorney-General run the whole works. But in

this they reckoned without the electorate, whose patience was overtaken long ago, and which now regards with justifiable scepticism their belated offers to assist the opposition in ascertaining the truth of the numerous charges laid against the administration. The public view is that the supporters of the government for the most part know less about the way in which the business of the country has been conducted than any other element in the community.

"NOT A TRACE."

It may be taken for granted that German newspapers are informing their readers that the High Seas Fleet scoured the North Sea without finding a trace of the British navy. The truth, of course, is that the fleet cruised in Heligoland light and along the Dutch and Danish coasts within convenient reach of its mine-protected shelter. Its purpose no doubt was to give some practical training to the officers and crew, the great majority of whom have never been five hundred miles from their homes, and who since this war began have had little opportunity for exercise outside of Kiel Canal.

Should the German High Seas Fleet mean business it will attempt to lure the British navy into waters convenient to its bases, incidentally strewing the sea with floating mines. But this design will be defeated. It is unlikely that Jellicoe will make for the enemy until the latter is thoroughly committed to a break for the open, not, perhaps, until he is well to the north. Germany cannot better her condition by keeping her navy near home waters. To gain any benefit from her fleet she must send it forth to do battle on the ground of Britain's choice. Otherwise the German fleet cannot hope to afford the relief the German people are demanding. All the allies require to do is to wait, and if the Germans fight at all they must bring the battle to them. German naval policy is determined by the economic pressure at home.

E. A. Lucas, a gentleman whose name we seem to remember in connection with a much-ventilated timber transaction, told an audience in Vancouver that the Liberals recently elected to the legislature already have displayed bad faith to the electorate. Mr. Lucas is peeved because Mr. Brewster and Mr. Macdonald, he says, were elected on pledges that on taking their seats they would demand immediately investigations of various charges of misadministration, and instead of proceeding with their demands they have set about accomplishment of the downfall of the government. If this gentleman were paying close attention to the proceedings of the legislature he would see that the opposition is in a fair way of accomplishing both of the purposes he seems to dread.

A meeting of Vancouver Conservatives has passed unanimously a resolution of confidence in Premier Brewster. Wonder if a similar resolution could be passed in a caucus of members of the legislature now sitting in Victoria. The government organ here appears to have turned the Premier's picture face to the wall, while in the councils of the party there is a distinct disposition to ascribe recent disasters entirely to the leader's alleged personal and political limitations. But if conservatives have lost confidence in Mr. Brewster and are disposed to make a goat of him, the truth remains that the public has given a plain intimation that it has no confidence in the system for which the government stands, no matter who its leader may be. Knifing one leader and selecting another will not materially improve the situation.

It will be observed that the German newspapers and press correspondents are commenting on the "singularly light casualties" sustained by the German troops in the region of Verdun. This parrot repetition of a legend from headquarters may be accepted as a sure sign that the German losses are appalling. If they were not there would have been less unanimity on the subject in the German newspapers. It is the German casualty roll that keeps the enemy out of Verdun although we shall be told before long that the Germans did not want that place at all and were only exercising.

Soldiers who have returned from the war front in the neighborhood of Gallipoli all seem to agree that the Turk, unlike his ally the Hun, is a manly fighter, not given to "frightfulness." But the domestic record of the unspeakable is against him, and it may be that there is policy in his authentic treatment of the British soldiers. He recognizes the inevitable. The Briton has a habit of coming out on top, and when the day of final judgment comes one with a kindly word in his mouth may prove useful.

A convention of government supporters in Vancouver was unable to agree upon the causes for the disastrous defeat of two cabinet ministers and the virtual defeat of a third. Some speakers ascribed the misfortune to "lack of publicity," others to a "death of effective speakers," still others to "poor

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canvassing," and many to "unwise leadership." No one seems to have thought of attributing the landslide to the record of the government and of the legislature behind it.

"The glorious Posen reserves" which according to the Berlin official bulletin yesterday had captured Fort Vaux and "strongly fortified neighboring positions" were unable to live up to their exalted reputation. They were forthwith ejected at the point of the bayonet by an even more glorious regiment of Frenchmen. Incidentally this is the third time the Berlin War Office has given out false statements regarding the fortunes of the fighting around Verdun.

A prominent figure in the government party of Vancouver vehemently proclaims that Premier Brewster is "beset by unscrupulous enemies" and that he at least is determined to stand by him. A "friend in need is a friend indeed," particularly when a man's "unscrupulous enemies" are those of his own political household.

The Kaiser still is proclaiming that "God is with us," but the former note of exclamation has given place to a mark of interrogation, indicating that the once great Hun chief is beginning to have doubts about the matter.

We have not observed any marked change in Germany's methods of conducting her submarine warfare. Have you?

The fate of Enver Pasha, like the whereabouts of Ferdinand the Fox, seems to be enshrouded in mystery.

The road to Verdun seems to be about as rough for the Germans as the going to Chalais prove a year ago.

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I think not that the blood of them that die
Lifts to the stars an empty sacrifice,
That prayers will utter a closed Paradise.

That heaven can answer not the hearts that cry
Upward for comfort; clearer now there
The song of faith triumphant over death.
The sound of praises thro' a mist of tears;
And not in vain they make their offering
Wide apart and shattered, clutch their dying breath:
Behold the Son of Manhood reappears!

BASE INGRATITUDE AND TREACHERY.

The editors of German newspapers published in the United States, who met in Chicago and denounced the policies of the United States government, probably never gave a thought to what would happen to a group of American editors if they should assemble in Berlin or some other German city to denounce the policies of the German government. The grievance of the German editors is that the policies of the United States government are not shaped to the advantage of Germany, regardless of the laws of neutrality and the rights of other nations. They are not only fighting Germany's battles against the countries at war with Germany, but they are fighting the government of the neutral countries in which they have found asylum and protection. Base ingratitude and treachery would be mild terms to apply to such conduct. If the same thing were attempted in Germany it would be called treason, and the punishment would be swift and severe.

NO REASON TO GIVE UP A RIGHT.

The full text of the British admiralty orders regarding armament of merchantmen supplies no ground for any reversal of the position of the United States in the matter. Nothing new is imported into the situation by these orders. No hostile initiative whatever is permitted to the merchantmen. No action may be sought, nor the armament employed in any way except the way of resistance. The orders of the admiralty, in the limitations which they place on the defensive action, do not even leave the master of the merchant ship as much latitude as is implied in the dictum of Justice Story, of the United States Supreme court, who said in 1822: "If the ship has the misfortune to meet with enemies or pirates, the master must perform the part of a valiant man, and make the best resistance which the comparative strength of his ship and crew will allow."

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The Board of Trade has submitted to Ottawa a committee's report, drawn up by the local master mariners on the list of places where buoys and beacons are required. The department of marine says the matter will be submitted to the departmental engineer, Mr. Anderson, for attention on the occasion of his next visit to the coast.

Rev. Donald Fraser has been given three months' leave of absence for a visit east, by the congregation of the First Presbyterian church. He will attend the general assembly at Toronto.

The death is announced of P. E. De Veulle, a native of the Channel Islands, and a real estate man of this city.

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Sons of Scotland—A regular meeting of Ailsa Craig Camp, No. 71 will be held in the Foresters' hall, Broad street, to-night.

Call of Fire—The fire department was called yesterday afternoon to the Royal Athletic park, where a small room used as a ticket office was the scene of a fire. The loss was trifling.

Psychological Society—The Victoria Psychological society has arranged for Mrs. L. D. Combs, of Tacoma, to give the address on Sunday evening at the A. O. U. hall in Broad street. The subject will be "The Sixth Sense."

Entertainment to Be Repeated—The very successful entertainment given by the James Bay Methodist Ladies' Aid entitled "A Ladies Aid meeting at Mohawk Cross Roads" will be repeated by the same company in the Fairfield Methodist church on Tuesday evening, March 14.

Service of Music—Next Sunday evening a service of music will be rendered by the choir of the James Bay Methodist church. While the service will be primarily one of song, a short address will be given on the theme, "Some Hymns That Have Helped." In the morning a communion service will be held.

Fifth Regiment Band—The Fifth Regiment band will give its usual Spalding evening concert in the Royal Victoria theatre next Sunday, under the direction of Bandmaster W. J. Smith. Mrs. F. W. Moore has kindly consented to give a violin solo, and Mrs. D. B. McConnan also has kindly consented to sing. The band will feature the famous overture "Semiramide" and the selection "Traviata."

St. Luke's Church—At St. Luke's church, Cedar Hill, during the season of Lent, the rector, Rev. J. D. MacKenzie-Naughton, M. A., B. D., will preach the following special series of sermons and addresses. At the morning services he will deliver a course on the "Messages of the Christian Ambassador," and at the evening services a course on "Saul, the First King of Israel." At Wednesday evening services his theme will be "Waiting on God."

Irish Concert—The Irish concert to be held in the Alexandra ballroom on March 17, St. Patrick's day, at 2 p. m., will undoubtedly be the best which has yet been given. As usual it will be in aid of the Victoria poor and is under the distinguished patronage of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Barnard. Reserved seats, of which there are only a small number, can be obtained at Mr. Haynes, watchmaker, 1124 Government street. The chair will be taken by John Hart.

Addresses on Social Conditions—A series of addresses on Social Conditions and the Responsibility of the Church will be given at the James Bay Methodist church. The first address of the series will be delivered by Rev. W. Stevenson of Emmanuel Baptist church, on Monday next, at 8 p. m. An opportunity for asking questions will be given at the close of the address. The subject of the Address is "Social Conditions and the Duty of the Church." The next address in the series will be "Our Treatment of the Criminal," by Dr. Ernest Hall on March 27.

Two Defective Streets By-laws—Two long standing matters are being introduced in streets committee of city council this afternoon, being reports on Dundas street improvement by law and Oak Bay avenue repairs. In the former case the council and owners have struggled for months to reach a basis of settlement, but the effort has hitherto been ineffective. Oak Bay avenue repairs have been held up by the disinclination of the B. C. Electric Railway to go to the expense of altering the tracks, which they claim were put in good condition when the street was macadamized. The cost of a bituminous or asphalt street surfacing would be about \$52,000, and of a repair of the present surface about \$12,000.

Ladies' Musical Club—The complete programme for the beautiful concert which is being prepared, under the patronage of Mrs. Robert Baird, for the next Ladies' Musical club recital to be given on Thursday, March 16, at the Empress ballroom, is now quite arranged. Taking part in "Carmina" and "Faust" numbers will be Miss Eva Hart, Mrs. D. B. McConnan, Mrs. Baird, H. Davis, R. Mackenzie, E. Petch and Godfrey Booth. Mrs. Roy Troup will sing an aria from "Aida." Mrs. J. R. Green, than whom Canada has no more talented pianists, will play the Liszt transcription of the Faust Waltz, and Mrs. Watson, who has not previously been heard at any of these concerts, will play an operatic selection on the flute. The programme is rich in beautiful operatic selections, and for the performance have been gathered together some of the finest artists in the province. Mrs. J. R. Gibson will be the accompanist.

Amusing Sketch—At the Rex theatre, Esquimalt, on Saturday evening, the "Minister's Bride," a very amusing sketch, will be given in aid of the Red Cross Society. This entertainment was given in the Naval and Military Methodist Church schoolroom last week to a large audience and was a complete success. Owing to many being unable to attend on that occasion, and many wishing to have the pleasure again, it is confidently expected that a crowded house will witness the reproduction of this performance. The sketch illustrates the difficulties a young minister and his bride faced years ago when coming to a new church; very amusingly are the various characters introduced in their old-time dresses, and the different dispositions of the parishioners are cleverly depicted. The closing scene introduces a merry party at the minister's house, and a good musical programme is here presented. Moving pictures will precede the performance, and a very pleasant evening is in store for all who are fortunate enough to secure seats.

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| 80255—When Irish Eyes Are Smiling. E. R. Ball. Tenor. Walter Van Brunt. Where the River Shannon Flows. James I. Russell. Tenor. Walter Van Brunt and Chorus. | 82077—Depuis le Jour-Louise. Charpentier. Anna Case, Soprano, in French. |

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Before this session has advanced very far the members of this House will realize that the citizens of Vancouver made no mistake in sending here a man of the ability of the honorable the senior member for Vancouver.

"In Victoria we had a short, sharp fight. It was brought on, as you know, at a date not coinciding with the dates of the Rossland and Vancouver pollings, but at a later date, and very strenuous efforts were made to secure the election of my opponent. The people of Victoria did not wish that to take place, and I have been honored with a majority such as has never been given in this city to any man running in an election at any time, either federal or provincial.

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"I want to say a word in regard to my opponent, Mr. Flumerfelt, who put up a good, clean fight. He has now realized the conditions under which he had to make that fight, and I wish to state that I do not consider the great majority rolled up for myself as a testimony worth over and above that of my opponent, because I believe he ranks high in the financial and business world and in social life, but I do claim that it was a staggering blow

at an administration which he had joined forces with without really understanding the step he was taking. To-day I think Mr. A. C. Flumerfelt, ex-minister of finance, is rather pleased than otherwise that he was left at home, because of the facts he learned during that short period of stay in this office.

"I want to note the non-committal tone of the reply to the speech from the throne. We have heard considerable about the removal from this sphere of activity to another of Sir Richard McBride. We miss his genial personality, and we know that where he has gone he will do what is possible for this province, but in going it is quite apparent that he has removed the influence entirely from this House or government that he had upon it, for if ever there was a non-committal reply to a speech from the throne I think this moved the other day is certainly that one.

"No less than six times we have 'we observe' or 'it is observed,' no less than six times 'we note,' and at the bottom of these and all other matters which may be brought before us will receive our careful and earnest attention." We have another amazing statement in it. We understood we had a brand new government, a brand new policy, but that evidently was not so. We are told in the speech from the throne that it is a reconstructed government, a patched-up government if you will, Mr. Speaker. There is just this one trouble, that the wind of public disapproval has blown the patches off and they have to start in reconstructing again.

People Should Know.

"I insist that the people of this province should know the attitude of the premier at this time in regard to his conduct of public affairs and to the legislation he intends to lay before the House. In three constituencies, having a numerical strength, so far as population is concerned, of at least

one-half, if not more, of the province, has he with his reconstructed cabinet and his so-called new politics appealed to the people, and in these three, with a voice that was unmistakable, the people have said they will have none of his politics.

"I contend that the emphatic disapproval of one-half of the citizenship entitled to vote, or one-half that represented by those entitled to vote, in this province and in the three great centres should force the premier to a statement of his position on the floor of the House; whether or not he intends to use the superior numbers he has on the floor of this assembly in face of the disapproval of the people to pass legislation that may not and probably will not meet with the approval of the people, and will not be in accord with their desires.

"He has to-day a cabinet short of two members, and he comes here from the hustings with a so-called new government and policies, neither one of which has been approved of, and with a cabinet depleted to that extent. Of the ministers who sought the endorsement of the people but one came back, and he representing the minority of the only city that, by certain manipulation, returned a minister to this House.

"While I did not have the opportunity of hearing the speeches of the mover and seconder of the address in reply I was more favored in being permitted to hear the member for Grand Forks. I would like for a few minutes to pay some attention to his remarks. I am paying possibly a little more attention to them than I would ordinarily do by reason of the fact that Dame Rumor says a cabinet member for Grand Forks is of cabinet material and may possibly be in line for promotion to the treasury benches, provided the people do not treat him the same as the honorable gentlemen who ran in Vancouver and Victoria.

"I notice, however, that his usual genial and rather affable method of speaking has vanished; that behind his speech was a good deal of bitterness and soreness. I am not amazed at that because I believe when Sir Richard left it may be he was just a little sore. When he went into the interior and stumped it in the interests of the minister of mines, and came upon the realization of public sentiment, and had to acknowledge that the popular vote was against the government, and then in Victoria again he worked for a candidate who very nearly lost his deposit, it was like rubbing salt into the wound.

A Good Indication.

"Nor am I surprised and it is a good indication of the trend of things to find him so touchy and near to anger on so many subjects, because it is an indication of the times and an illustration of the old adage, that when the gods would destroy they first make mad. We heard a great deal from that honorable gentleman. He was extremely worried as to my standing on the floor of this House, and the position occupied by my friend from Newcastle. Is it any wonder that his party, that the administration, has lost favor in the eyes of the people when, at a time like this, with a world crisis on us and this province dragging behind so far in production and industry and better conditions of life, instead of being able to show that their policies are better, he indulges in little, petty, insignificant political tricks or attempts at making political capital out of whether a man sits in the third seat or the second seat or the last seat in the House. Is it any wonder that men who have these tactics fail to command the confidence of the country?

"What is wanted now is not petty politics; what is wanted is not too much party politics, but that we should get down to the solid business before the country, and by wise legislation, raise British Columbia out of the hindmost rank it occupies into the foremost place as a producing province. I will give all the support I can to such legislation as will bring about that condition.

"The member for Grand Forks is worried over the leadership of the opposition. He need not be. Let me tell him that if his leader had behind him the same quality of material and devotion and intelligent support as the Liberal leader has on the floor of this House there would be very many more smiling faces on that side.

"He says Sir Richard McBride has left us and it is a great loss to the province. As I said a moment ago, we do miss the genial personality of Sir Richard, we do wish him every success in his new sphere of action, but we are waiting on this side of the House for the premier to introduce his promised legislation till we know just how much of a loss it is to the province. He points to sound business policies of our late premier.

never have been after all these years, then I give credit to Sir Richard, 'Sound' Policies.

"But, sir, the policies of Sir Richard were confined to sound—sound on the hustings, a din in the ears, and the last of that sound will be a hissing on the part of the people that that programme was ever formulated.

"The member for Grand Forks intended to leave the impression upon the public mind that I or the Liberal party as headed by myself had made a compromise with certain liquor interests in Victoria to get votes. I want to give that an unqualified denial, as made out of the whole cloth and absolutely devoid of foundation in fact. I want to point out that the Liberal party, neither through its leader nor anyone else, has not budged one inch from the position taken up on September 12, 1915, when, in provincial executive, it decided upon the principle of direct legislation as being the correct principle on which the liquor and all other great moral questions should be settled without having them involved in the vortex of party politics.

"It is true that the press of this province supporting the administration had a good deal to say detrimental to this legislation. It was treated with contempt, it was stated that it was dangerous, it was said that it was American, freak legislation and everything else. But suddenly we find that it is not so bad, after all. It sometimes happens that a person struck on the head violently will recover memory lost by a similar blow. I think that the honorable gentleman on my left delivered that sudden, sharp blow, whereupon the government realized that things were not as they should be, and they were willing to adopt direct legislation or anything else to save them from a similar blow in Victoria. So we find in the last moments of the campaign the premier saying: 'You can have it; we will give it to you.' Why? Because it was a right principle to adopt? Not at all, but because political expediency demanded it.

How Many Were Consulted?

"I say here as I said on the public platform that when political expediency governs rather than principle you need to be very careful indeed. I want to ask the honorable member how many of them were consulted in this matter. They have still the same autocratic head. How many of them outside the cabinet had any idea that the premier was going to make this concession? I am not sorry he did not; it did not do him any good and it may do the temperance people a great deal, but if he had adhered, as the Liberal party did, to the principle of allowing these matters to be settled outside, he would have taken a wise course. But when driven by political expediency he had to throw over the interests which stood so fast behind him, and put their money in the liquor business, and now the member for Grand Forks, who thinks they voted for the Liberal party, tries to make political capital out of it.

"Mr. Speaker, I have no knowledge who voted for me or against me, but I do know that liquor men have said that they would rather support a party which had a policy clearly and honestly expressed, even if against them, than support a party which could change its policy because it found that it was in a bad position politically. We find the premier grasping at a straw, even if it would not support him, and that at this time at least he has gone to the electorate for his attitude in more ways than one.

"But if the honorable member for Grand Forks is so much annoyed I have a little suggestion to make to him. There was one of those animals in election day that is supposed to be blind and to grunt, working overtime on 'What? street,' although it was election day. I would ask if he looked up this matter and found that the place supplied intoxicants on election day. I do not accuse the candidate running in opposition to myself or the premier of knowing anything of that nefarious business. I do not think they did, but I do say this, that the place was opened, manned, supplied and worked in the interests of the Liberal campaign. It required a strong and persistent demand on the part of the Liberal campaign manager that the place be closed up by the police before any action was taken.

"Action was taken and what was found? Men inside and in the King's uniform, and in a state of intoxication. Some of them, I am told had to be carried out. Two kegs of beer were taken out. The result was that two men were arrested, taken to the lock-up and appeared in due order before the magistrate of this city, and a not a lawyer, but I do say that if my honorable friend from Grand Forks is so very anxious to know all about the liquor interests he might have it suggested to him that these men were brought up before the civil authorities for a breach of the civil laws. But was it not strange that the men were taken out of the hands of the civil authorities, and the probe that would have probed to the bottom and shown the public of British Columbia and especially of Victoria who was really behind that matter could go no further. It comes with poor grace from the honorable member for Grand Forks to insinuate that the Liberal party has made any alliance with the liquor interests in Victoria.

Another Attack of Mania.

"We had another little attack of mania on the part of the member for Grand Forks. We heard for the first time that there were one hundred and fifty gangsters, as he is reported to have said, or heeled, as I understand he says he said, brought over from Vancouver, to do what? These nefarious men were to go to the polls and vote for the Liberal party. I want to give that the same specific and emphatic denial that I did in the matter of his other accusation, and I say again that it came with an ill grace for him to speak of people coming over here to vote.

"Has he ever heard of the correspondence which took place between the very man who is handling the machine for my hon. friends in this city and the man who is handling it in Vancouver? Does he know of what W. H. Price wrote Victor H. Love as to the men he was handling here, of the number he had paid single fare to and

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of the brave men who have gone into the King's uniform. I do not have to defend the member for Newcastle; there is not a man in the House but knows he can defend himself against the member for Grand Forks or anyone else, and many a time I have felt the sting of his words. If you want a loyal people you must allow them to live under conditions in which they can realize that their country is a good one; you must create conditions, which will make them proud to belong to it and fight for it.

"We had the present minister of mines speaking in Rossland, and what did he say? That the strike which took place on Vancouver Island a couple of years ago was brought about not by difficulties between the company and the men but because an American mine manager could not make the property pay and he brought on the strike to cover up that condition. What happened during the strike? A son of the honorable gentleman from Newcastle was arrested as a rioter, he was kept in jail for some two months, and then was liberated by order of the judge because there was no charge

that could stand in the light of the evidence that was offered against him. To-day that young man wears the King's uniform and is ready to fight for his country, in spite of the way his country has treated him.

"And if any man on this floor insinuates that the father of that boy is not loyal, be he friend or foe, I would tell him that he has no right to make such statements in regard to honorable gentlemen, and have them noised about at times like these.

Natural Resources.

"The address says production is normal in natural resources. I have had experience here and do not always take such statements at their face value. I like to check them up by the public records. In this case I find that general mining receipts have decreased by \$34,000, timber royalties have decreased by \$653,000, and that the natural industry so carefully fostered by the attorney-general, companies registration, has fallen off in fees \$52,000. It is hard to find where any natural industries are producing in a natural

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SPORTING NEWS

HARD FOUGHT GAME ANTICIPATED

WHEN WESTS MEET SCOTS TO-MORROW

Cup-Final it Feature Game of This Season; Wests Are Minus the Services of Tommy Heyland; Other Soccer Gossip

TO-MORROW'S SPORT CARD.

Soccer.
Senior—Wests vs. Western, Scots at Beacon Hill, 3 o'clock.
Junior—Y. M. C. A. vs. James Bay, at Central Park, 2 o'clock. Referee, W. Teller.
Basketball.
Senior—Belmont vs. Fairfield; Conges vs. Knox, at the Y. M. C. A.
Intermediate—Conges vs. St. Andrew's, at the Y. M. C. A.
Ladies' league—Conges vs. Reformed Episcopal; Belmonts vs. Metropolitan; St. Andrew's vs. First Presbyterian.

To-morrow's sport allotment is headed by the Peden cup soccer final between Victoria West and the 6th Battalion Western Scots at Beacon Hill. This game is attracting great interest in local sport circles, and will probably produce the very best brand of football displayed all season. By the form shown by each team in the elimination rounds, it is difficult to forecast the outcome. Both teams had little difficulty in reaching the cup final. Neither of these teams was favored over the Thistles and Jacksons, but both these clubs were eliminated by the Wests.

but the latter appear to be the speedier of the two, and there is very little to choose between the clubs. The Wests will be minus the services of Heyland, who is unable to put in an appearance. No referee has yet been selected for the match. Morton Mohr and Sergt. Wilson, of the 6th Battalion, will officiate as linesmen. The West team will line-up as follows: Goal, Robertson; backs, Whyte and Jackson; halves, Church, Petticrew and Stewart or Gardiner; forwards, McLeod, Carmichael, Youson, Shakespeare and Sherritt.

The probable line-up of the Western Scots will be: Goal, Dabovs; backs, Ord and Christian; halves, Okell or Fenton, McDermid and Niven; forwards, Lumsden, Nichol, Shearman, Allen and Findlay.

John Lewis was really the founder of the Blackburn Rovers club. He and Arthur Constantine called together the first meeting about Christmas, 1874, and the club embraced professionalism when it was legalized in 1885, though they were not one of the clubs to force professionalism.

The six largest grounds in England are those of Crystal Palace, Manchester United, Aston Villa, Sheffield United, Everton and Newcastle United. Only the Sheffield United ground, apart from the Crystal Palace, could provide accommodation for a cup final, and in their case the cricket pitch would have to be utilized.

Aston Villa were re-elected to the league by vote at the end of season 1905-1. This was owing to the fact that they were one of the last four clubs. Everton are the only one of the twelve original clubs that have retained an unbroken membership.

Blackburn Rovers lost their position in the first division at the end of season 1905-16, but were re-elected.

Everton Taking Interest.

It is good to see Everton taking so much interest in the fate of their old player, Sandy Young, now under a charge of murder in Australia. All who knew the ex-player are aware that his mind was unhinged by the illness he had and that he has had a return of the malady, probably brought on by the heat of an Australian summer, for this is the hottest time of the year at the Antipodes. Everton has cabled the authorities in Australia, that Young was mentally deranged for a time, and it has been suggested that they should interview the new High Commissioner for Australia, who has just taken up his duties in London. Mr. Fisher resigned the premiership of Australia recently to take up the position of High Commissioner, and as he is a Scot, hailing from the Kilmarnock district, he could speedily ascertain full particulars of the malady Young had suffered from and report to the authorities. Prior to going to Australia, Mr. Fisher was a miner, and if he did not take some interest in association football it will be curious, as many of those who earn their living in Australia digging for coal are not keen votaries of the game.

An All-Round Athlete.

Captain Ralph Erskine, Royal Flying Corps, brother of Captain J. Barrie Erskine, who was killed in France some months ago, has been wounded. He joined the Royal Scots Fusiliers soon after war was declared, and was transferred to the Royal Flying Corps. Captain Erskine had a singularly successful scholastic career at Allan Glen's and Glasgow University.

BIG ICE PALACE TO BE BUILT AT CHICAGO

Chicago, March 10.—An ice palace, to be built at an estimated cost of \$250,000 will provide enthusiasts of Chicago with skating facilities for months next winter, according to plans for a new winter stadium, which will be built under the oversight of the Western Skating Association. The ice rink will be built at White City Amusement Park.

The ice rink will be 450 x 175 feet, and will have an ice surface of 240 x 110 feet, said to be the largest artificial ice field in America. It will seat 3,500 spectators. The building will be of concrete and steel, with a brick and terra cotta front.

Backers of the rink are planning to turn over their floor for inter-city, inter-scholastic and college hockey games several times a week. The success of a loosely organized league this year led to arrangements for the use of the grounds by teams.

WELSH FIGHTS TO-NIGHT.

Appleton, Wis., March 10.—Freddie Welsh, world's lightweight champion arrived here to-day for his 10-round bout with Ford Munger, the crack local lightweight here to-night.

WELTERWEIGHTS MATCHED.

Cleveland, March 10.—Jack Britton, the clever Chicago welterweight, and Joe Chip, of Cleveland will meet in a 10-round bout here next Tuesday.

BACK TO MINORS



JOHNNY RAWLINGS

The gingerly little fellow who used to play with Victoria, has been turned over to Roger Bresnahan's Toledo club. He would much rather play on this coast, but if he has to go east, he says he will be in good company, for George Stovall, his boss last year on the Kansas City Feds, will also be with Toledo. Rawlings was taken from Victoria by Cincinnati, and when the latter club tried to shunt him to St. Paul, he hopped over to the Feds. He is quite a nifty little fielder and a winning ball player.

CHALLENGER EASES UP HIS TRAINING

New York, March 10.—Willie Lewis, Frank Moran's trainer, said to-day that the challenger would not do any more work in preparation for his match with Willard until Saturday.

Lewis felt impelled to restrain Moran because the challenger had worked too much.

"When I send him out on the road to do three miles he does seven. He simply cannot resist the open air," said Lewis.

"In the gymnasium it's the same way. He throws himself heart and soul into his work and forgets that his objective is the bout with Willard on the 25th.

"His present condition, due to his stay at Saratoga, also warrants a rest. Frank is ready right now physically and because of this we've got to take things easy. There is so much at stake that I want him to be just right."

APPLEBY IS SECOND.

New York, March 10.—By defeating Francis S. Appleby last night, 400 to 247, Morris B. Brown, of the Hamilton club, Brooklyn, took second place in the National Amateur Billiard Championship tournament.

DATES ANNOUNCED FOR WORLD SERIES MATCHES

President Quinn of N. H. A.
Sets March 21, 23
and 25

Ottawa, Ontario, March 10.—The first intimation regarding Stanley Cup game dates was made by President Quinn, of the National Hockey Association. He said that if the winner of the N. H. A. was established without a playoff, the games probably would be staged on March 21, 23 and 25. The regular games of the National Association end March 18. The Coast champions leave for the east Sunday night.

There is keen rivalry between the Ottawas and the Canadiens as to who will win the championship. It being figured out that the world's series with Portland will mean "dividing up" \$5,000 in gate receipts among the players. It is intended to have the Eastern teams coming second, third and fourth in the N. H. A. Face-Off Boston and Chicago four matches for a purse of \$2,500. There also is some talk of moving picture concerns getting two ladies' hockey aggregations together and staging games in a dozen American centres, going even as far as Portland, San Francisco and other coast points. Whether the Portlanders play in Montreal or here, they will be banqueting and elaborately entertained. Bunches of over 5,000 should greet them at each game.

BREEZY BITS

Johnny Hayes, who won the Olympic marathon race at London, may soon be appointed to organize and coach track athletes at West Point. Hayes is being touted by two Jersey congressmen.

Battling Levinsky and Pueblo Jim Flynn will meet in one of the preliminaries to the Willard-Moran bout on March 25 at New York. They will get \$1,000 each for their services.

Jim Flynn and Jack Dillon will meet at New York to-night in a ten-round bout. Their former meeting resulted in an easy victory for the Indianapolis boy.

Matt Wells will meet Charlie White in a ten-round bout at Cincinnati next Monday night. Wells recently gained a decision over White in a twelve-round bout at Boston.

Leut. Cooper, of Blackburn, a well-known footballer, has been decorated at the British headquarters with the Military Cross for a gallant act. While training under the German position at Hill 60 he unexpectedly came across a German mine loaded with explosives and wires ready for firing. Cooper instantly cut the wires, and a number of men fled the tunnel and removed the explosives, weighing one and a half tons. Five men were rendered unconscious by the fumes.

Jack Britton and Kid Graves, two of the leading welterweight title contenders, will meet in a fifteen-round bout at Dayton, Ohio, next Monday night.

Capt. L. F. Davis, Evesham, Royal Scots, the well-known Scottish international lawn tennis player, is suffering from the effects of gas poisoning. He is in the Duchess of Westminster hospital at La Tourette, France.

THE LID IS DOWN ON BOXING IN TACOMA

Tacoma, March 10.—In an order issued to Chief of Police Smith yesterday, Commissioner A. U. Mills put the lid on boxing in Tacoma. The public safety commissioner, in his order, quotes the state statute, which is strict in forbidding boxing contests except between members of a club for exercise, and which makes it unlawful for anyone to train a boxer for a match and for anyone to bet on the outcome or to hold stakes.

Mr. Mills said his order was the result of conclusions he drew from articles in certain newspapers following the match held last week in the Glide Rink.

BOXERS MUST FIGHT OR GET NO MONEY

New York, March 10.—To insure the public against a "blowout," the state boxing commission has ordered that no money is to be paid to either Willard or Moran except on the order of the commission. This decision was arrived at in a discussion in which the promoters and backers of the bout and the commissioners participated.

Tex Rickard, who with Sam McCracken, is promoting the match, agreed to place all the money involved in the bout in the hands of a stakeholder, by next Monday. The stakeholder will be selected within the next few days.

LEWIS IS BUSY MERCHANT.

New York, March 10.—Ted (Kid) Lewis, the English welterweight, was signed last night by Promoter Tom Burns of New Orleans, for three fights in New Orleans. Lewis will receive \$7,500 for the three bouts, which will be twenty-round affairs. Jack Britton and Jimmy Duffy will be two of Lewis' opponents.

O. H. A. RESULTS.

Toronto, March 10.—First of home and home games O. H. A. Senior final at Toronto: Riversides 8; Berlin 1. (Return game at Berlin, Monday, March 12).

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A BRIEF INTERVIEW

WITH JESS WILLARD

New York Lady Reporter Has
Talk With Big Good-Natured Champion

New York, March 10.—Jess Willard ought to be the most popular man in the country just now, for he fits into both sides of the preparedness argument.

Listen to the applause of the preparedness folk as they hear the big champion drawl:

"I never had a rough and tumble fight in my life. A person that knows how to fight never has to."

In the second round, however, the pacifists score:

"If a man goes around looking for trouble he will get plenty of it," he said. "It isn't his size, but his state of mind that brings on the fight."

"I don't believe in being too quick to fight. I never start anything myself, and I should hate to see the country get too high and mighty."

Oh, Dear! Oh, Dear.

This from the champion fighter of the world:

It was evidently going to be quite safe to ask this good-natured giant any question that fancy might dictate.

Jess Willard grinned as if his spirit was calm and contented. I had a friend who traveled in the circus with him last summer, and she had told me what a gentle creature he really was, in spite of his pugilistic fame.

"He's a nice man," she said, by way of a grand climax.

"It isn't a prize fight," he drawled. "There is no such thing as a prize fight these days. This is a boxing match, with referees and laws and miffs. The old days when men fought to a finish with their bare knuckles have gone by. The swearing, rough-neck crowd is no more."

Wouldn't it be sweet?

"I think it would be nice for ladies to come to the fights. It ought to be interesting for them if they like sports. Everything is scientific now. There is as much difference between our contests and the old-fashioned prize fights as between riding in a lumber-wagon and a limousine. And as for blood and cruelty, we don't hurt half so many people in a year as football does."

"There is nothing bloodthirsty about me. In fact, I am not aggressive enough, they say. I always wait for the other fellow to start."

This sums up Jess Willard. Nature made him big, and the newspapers that drifted into his Oklahoma ranch told him a big man was needed to defeat Jack Johnson. His disposition had nothing to do with it. He looked into his mirror and said to himself: "Jess, you're a good size. Why don't you try it?" So he flung himself on his horse and traveled down to Oklahoma City, where he presented himself at a gymnasium as the new white hope.

That was five years ago, and although Jess Willard is the world's champion boxer he still remains on that ranch.

TONY BROTTEN SHINES AT CARDINAL CAMP

San Antonio, Tex., March 10.—May be this Tony Brotten, the young catcher from the northwest, is not a Ty Cobb or a Benny Kauff, but one thing is certain—he certainly can slug that old pill. It may be an early season prediction, and the kid may explode, but mark this—Huggins has picked up a live one in Catcher Anson. Brotten almost alone broke up the game against the San Antonio Broncs and gave the Cards their first victory. Tony smashed out a home run with the bases loaded—a screaming drive that cleared the left field wall. He came back later with another long drive, a triple. The score was 11 to 9.

MONARCHS TO DEFEND CUP AGAINST FORT WM.

Winnipeg, March 10.—The 61st Battalion hockey team have been ordered to defend the Allan Cup against the Fort William team, champions of the Tyndrum Bay hockey league, next Saturday and Monday nights. Total goals will decide the winner in the two games. Secretary Hewitt of the C. A.

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condition. However, let us accept the statements of the speech, and turn to the promise of other legislation.

"We have a promise of a Workmen's Compensation Act. No honorable gentleman but will admit that there is necessity for better provision in that regard. But how does it come that this administration, at this late date, claims to be the champion of workmen's compensation? In the journals of 1907, will be found the record of two bills introduced by members of the opposition to amend the law in that regard, but the wishes of the people were defeated by a purely government majority. You will find in 1911 that the Liberal convention put a plank in their party's platform in favor of compensation without litigation, with the result that in 1912 the government was compelled to appoint a commission. We know a good deal about that commission because we have to pay the extra taxes to make up its cost. That commission, conducted at great expense, reported, but nothing came from it until 1915, when a bill was presented. Instead of its becoming law, it has been put into effect, and another commission was appointed to find out if the first one had done their duty. We now have an act which seems to be largely cribbed from the Ontario act. Until that bill comes before the House all I will say is that it is badly needed, and all we will do will be to make it workable in the interests of the people.

Finances of Province.

"On the subject of finances I believe the people of the province will insist on having the fullest information. We have had the alienation of between five and six millions acres of agricultural lands under the McBride-Bowser administration; we have had the alienation of between nine and eleven million acres of the best timber lands; we have had the leasing and licensing of 1,300,000 acres of the best coal measures; and these were the methods taken to put into the treasury the surplus heretofore in 1911. We were told it amounted to something over eight millions, but before the end of 1913 it had disappeared and with it the revenue of 1912 and 1913.

"We had to issue \$1,500,000 treasury notes to carry on until we could get a loan. Then in 1914 the then finance minister, the member for Okanagan, introduced a ten-million dollar loan bill, and we went on the London market for one and one-half million pounds. The balance was placed in New York in one-year treasury notes. These latter had to be paid last December, and as an election was near we heard a lot about the wonderful credit of the province. But so wonderful was that credit that the government had to issue \$3,150,000 of debentures to lift \$2,700,000 of treasury notes. In other words, these four and a half per cent. ten-year debentures work out at a price of 95.5, and they cost the province for interest 6.33 per cent. per annum.

"We were told that this was a splendid showing for the province; that this was evidence there was nothing in the statements that the province's credit had been hurt. We find in the same

month that the province's loan is reported that the separate school board of Toronto issued ten-year debentures and they cost 5.55 per cent., so that their credit is 84 of one per cent. better than that of a great province like B. C. Our credit is poorer by three-quarters of one per cent. than that of a school board in Toronto.

"We have expended between eighty and ninety million dollars in the last five years, we have doubled the debt, we have guarantees on railway bonds to the sum of eighty millions, on which we have an annual interest charge of over \$3,500,000. This is not a healthy condition for a province as non-productive as British Columbia to be placed in. On the other hand the revenue has shrunk five and one-half million dollars. Sober men in business life are wondering where we are drifting and what is going to happen with a shrinking revenue and the expenditure mounting up. In the civil government salaries and the administration of justice alone there has been an increase in the last ten years of 400 per cent. This does not include the temporary assistance, hidden away under that most convenient heading, so greatly liked by the government, miscellaneous.

Sample of Extravagance.

"I insist that this is but a sample of the extravagance of this administration, and I deplore the fact that there has been no indication given by the leader of the government that he intends to retrench as he should retrench in the interests of all.

"Coming to the question of our timber, it is a practically admitted fact that we have alienated seventy-five per cent. of the accessible available timber of the province, which is being held largely by foreign capital, principally American lumbermen with mills on the other side of the line who are holding these limits of ours out of production and cutting off their American limits. They have made our timber the basis of speculative enterprise, and the over-capitalization which has been carried on is going to make it almost impossible to develop it because of the enormous overhead charges which have to be met. When I was last in this House we heard much of that 'last word' in forest legislation, but what have we got in reality? The increase of royalty being based on the selling price is a tax on the labor put on that timber and is neither fair to the employer or the employee. It means that the tax increases when you put any labor into the wood and bring about a finished product. The tax should be on the value of the timber in the tree, and not the value of the work put into it by the workmen. I hope to have the opportunity later on of a very thorough discussion on this matter, because the timber business must be put on a better basis or we will have disastrous effects in one of our greatest industries.

Mining.

"The speech deals briefly with mining. The appointment of a new minister of mining was said to be the first step in assistance for that great industry. If we wish to attain to the position we should occupy we must develop that industry and render every assistance to the men who are engaged in it. No one can deny that we have great wealth in our mineral deposits. We are abundantly blessed above all other provinces in that re-

gard. But while we have all this latent wealth we are in the last rank in the development of these resources.

"What has this administration done to develop the mineral resources of the province? Has it assisted the investor or helped the prospector and the men engaged in mining in a small way? If you make conditions right and protect capital when it does come here, preventing over-capitalization and all its evils, it will be impossible to keep capital out. Has this administration ever attempted to stop over-capitalization? Take a concrete example, that of the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Limited. There is an instance of over-capitalization with tremendous effects upon the prosperity of the province. So carefully has the company husbanded its means that it has not expended sufficient money to take proper care of the men working in the mines below ground. Other troubles have followed, and the cost of coal has been increased by reason of the company having to earn dividends on watered stock.

"It was the duty of the government to see that that did not take place. There has been a loss to the investors in the Canadian Collieries which has restricted the investment of money in this province from the old country, and the name of B. C. has been tarnished among men with capital instead of being one which stands for handsome dividends made out of the constant working of properties on a sound capitalization. Has the government done anything in the way of laboratory work which would assist in bringing about cheaper treatment of our low-grade ores. We have a large staff and highly salaried, with an expensive equipment, but I cannot find any attempt at experimentation or work for the assistance of the prospector. This is all left to the big concerns, which make experiments and keep the processes to themselves, so that the small miner has no chance to learn what they are and make use of them in the treatment of his ores.

"I have before me an address by Alexander Sharpe, a mining engineer, in Vancouver, in which he says there are seventy-six billion tons of coal known to exist, and there are water-powers, giving the cheapest sort of power, in illimitable quantity. The iron deposits are inexhaustible, but so far they are undeveloped except those on Tuxedo Island, from which a few years ago were shipped twenty thousand tons of ore to the Ironstone smelter, and afterwards put into the U. S. ships Nebraska and Oregon. We have billions of tons of coal and iron and yet not one pound of ore is being smelted in this province. It is shipped out of the province, and is crushing the seas as plates in the Oregon and Nebraska. The government has not put any thought or financial backing behind the people who would make this a manufacturing province. Had we gone about it right we would have not only smelters but rolling mills and shipyards to-day of benefit to the empire.

Shipbuilding.

"There is to be a shipbuilding policy. We are told it is an amusing thing to see the interest aroused in shipbuilding all of a sudden in face of an election where the government is stared with defeat. I am not sorry to see this interest, however, because I want to see the industry carried on. But I want to point out to honorable members that the shipbuilding business is a highly technical one, and if you undertake to build ships politically as you undertook to build railways politically, the province of British Columbia will be in a worse condition than it is to-day, and that is bad enough.

"When an administration with which 'adaptation' was the keynote, undertook to build ships here what was the result? I have here a card issued by friends of my honorable friends opposite, on one side of which is an injunction to register as voters and on the other is the question: 'If it takes the biggest shipyard two years to build the Estevan-hum hum what will it take to build a battleship?' That was in 1911, but to-day something different was needed and so we are hearing about shipbuilding. I want to warn you that if you are going to put the credit of the province behind shipbuilding by way of guarantee you must go carefully.

"I believe we can aid in this matter, but it must be without political influence. Guarantee the bonds of companies and what will happen? On the one hand you will have men going about selling, peddling might be a better word, these government-guaranteed bonds, and on the other you will have men wanting these ships built here or there to suit political exigencies. I do not intend to commit myself to a statement on the government's policy, because I do not know what the premier has in view, but I submit that a simpler method would be to eliminate political influence altogether. If it is thought wise in the interests of the province that aid should be given to benefit the lumber industry, a simpler and sounder way would be for the government to issue direct bonds, the proceeds of which it would hold, and then it could say to all interested: 'If conditions are such that you have confidence enough to put your money into the building of ships but cannot get money we will permit you to build, subject to inspection by our inspectors and to the province being protected. We will advance you a certain sum in cash, you to build your vessels in British Columbia, employing local labor only. Then we will protect the province by taking a mortgage not only on the ships but on the assets you have on hand for shipment, so that the government is secured from any loss.'

"If this industry is not good enough for the people interested in the lumber industry to put their money behind it is not good enough for the people of British Columbia to put their money behind it. I hope when we come to discuss this matter we will have sufficient information so that every man will know what he is doing, and not simply raise the cry that what is being done will make us all rich and railroad the legislation through.

Agricultural Aid Act.

"We are told of the Agricultural aid

act, which waits only for the approval of the lieutenant-governor-in-council. From cover to cover that is an act which is dependent upon the lieutenant-governor-in-council or the minister of lands. The people have shown plainly that they do not want the centralization of this administration. They have declared that they have no confidence in the government, and out of its six members two have been swept out of office by the decisive vote of the people, and a third is the representative of a minority of his constituents. The people could not 'more clearly' or 'forcibly' have expressed their want of confidence in the government headed by my honorable friend the third member for Vancouver.

"Legislation of this nature is absolutely necessary, but I submit that the act should be administered by a perfectly non-partisan commission. Until you do that you leave the door open to all kinds of underhand work. In one section we have it made applicable to land which the highest courts in our country have declared were obtained by fraud upon the land act, and it would be possible for the ministry to allow a loan of \$10,000 to be granted upon each of these grants, fraudulently secured. The holders, by putting in a little improvement, could remove the lands thus obtained by fraud from the operation of the wild land tax and unload them on the actual cultivator at prices so ruinously high that it would be quite out of the question for any man to make farming pay on these lands.

"I believe that when the act comes before the House we shall show honorable members that the government can get cheaper money than has been spoken about, and not go outside the province either, but it will require the application of the statesman and not of the politician. Then there is no reason why we should not have as prosperous settlements and as extensive agricultural production as any part of the Dominion. I notice in the manifesto of the premier, issued in Vancouver, that he was to have a colonization policy but there is not one word along that line in the speech. I wonder if the honorable prime minister is going to forget that that was in his manifesto, or whether he is going to take the advice of the people, emphatically expressed at the polls, and turn the legislation over to the people where it belongs.

Advances to Railways.

"We are informed in the speech that certain advances are to be made to railways. In 1913 Sir Richard McBride said I was the only man foolish enough to stand up against the interests of my own constituency. What have we in that constituency or on this Island to show for the railway policy of the administration? Tremendous responsibilities here as on the mainland, and as was pointed out to the House of Commons by Mr. Macdonald, Conservative member for South Toronto, as soon as the six million dollars which the Dominion gave as a subsidy is exhausted it will keep British Columbia and the other provinces poor, paying the interest on the bonds we have guaranteed. What about the road that was to open up the constituency I then represented, Alberni? There are breaches all along the right-of-way, bridges are missing, there is no steel. It was to be built at the rate of eight miles a day, and some honorable gentlemen still in this House were going to resign if it was not completed as quickly as the road on the mainland. It has not been brought up to grade, but has deteriorated from a quarter to a half a million dollars, because of there being no work done on it, and the growing up of the brush upon it. As someone has said, the ties are now growing on the right-of-way.

"The C. N. Pacific has received in various forms from province or Dominion no less a sum than \$7,543 a mile for every mile from the city of Vancouver to the Yellow Head Pass. And yet passengers had to be taken across a river on a wire cable the other day to reach a railway on which they could continue their journey.

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and help in settlement—if there was the land available for just to settle on it was the Pacific Great Eastern. The company, having drawn down bonds and hypothecated bonds to the extent of thirty million dollars, comes back to the government for further assistance. It is matter of public comment that it was on this rock that the administration split a year ago, leading to the abortive dissolution of the House, and yet we find the premier proposing to give the very aid he lined up the members of the Conservative party in this House against his predecessor and then leader on only one short year since.

"We should not give further aid until an absolutely impartial investigation has been made into the disposition of the moneys we have already given. It is all nonsense to tell us of an investigation made by a member of the cabinet, and the people have shown that this is their opinion by the vote they have given.

Investigation Needed.

"Before one dollar further is placed behind the Pacific Great Eastern or any other railway we must have an impartial investigation and find out where the money has gone. It is the right of the people to know, through their representatives, where that money has gone, and if any of it has been wrongfully expended I demand of the premier that he take every step known and legal to restore these funds to the people. Until we do know what disposition has been made of these moneys I for one shall refuse to put further good money after the bad that has already gone.

"I notice that the House has passed a bill to protect those miners who have gone to the front in defence of the empire. But the government will be remiss in its duty if it does not give similar protection to the pre-emptor and settler.

Hon. W. R. Ross stated that such a bill was in course of being prepared. Mr. Brewster—"I am glad to hear that, and I hope the minister will treat the matter in a liberal manner. The least we can do for the men who are risking their lives and bodily safety in our behalf is to see that they and their interests are properly cared for.

"I think it is the duty of the prime minister, having felt the pulse of the people, after the mandate that has been given by the three constituencies which have spoken, that he should have passed what non-contentious legislation is necessary, have voted a moderate supply, and go to the people for a decision as to whether they want this government longer to remain in power."

"The opposition leader concluded by moving, seconded by M. A. Macdonald, an amendment to the motion that a humble address be presented to his honor the lieutenant-governor in reply to the speech from the throne, the addition of the following paragraph:

"In view of the result of the three by-elections recently held, it is quite apparent that your honor's advisers no longer possess the confidence of the electorate, and we are of the opinion that the Legislature should be at once dissolved and the wishes of the electorate ascertained.

"We regret that your first minister has announced his intention of continuing his legislative programme, notwithstanding that two of your honor's advisers have been defeated at the polls by unprecedented majorities, and a third of your honor's ministers failed in receiving a majority of the votes cast, and it is still a matter of doubt if a recount will not result in his defeat.

"We regret that your honor is being advised to continue the administration of provincial affairs without the advice and assistance of the full number of ministers required by law, and especially in view of the fact that your honor considers it necessary to still further increase the number of your advisers.

"We regret that your honor's ministers have aided in the acquisition of large areas of the most fertile and easily accessible crown lands of the province by speculators in a manner in which the highest courts in Canada have declared to be a fraud upon the Land Act.

"We regret that your honor's ministers have not advised you to cause an investigation under the Public Enquiries Act into the matter of the fraudulent acquisition of crown lands, during their long tenure of office, have taken no effective measures to increase our agricultural production, but that such production has been seriously hindered by their encouragement of speculative holding of agricultural lands in immense areas.

"We regret that your honor's ministers have not seen fit to advise your honor to recommend to this House legislation which would secure their holdings to those members of the allied forces engaged in their country's service, (or, in case of death, to their heirs) who may by reason of such service, be rendered incapable of completing their duties, under the Mineral Act, the Placer Mining Act, or, as pre-emptors, under the Land Act.

"In view of the fact that your honor's minister of mines stated publicly at Rossland, that the coal miners' strike on Vancouver Island (which cost the

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MANY RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY FARMERS

Convention of Institutes Pass
Important Motions Re Public
Market, Gopher Pests, Etc.

The address by Alex. Lucas, M. P. P., on "Rural Credit and Its Effect on the Agricultural Industry" was an interesting feature of the morning session to-day of the Farmers' Institutes of B. C.

"There is no monetary institution in the Dominion of Canada that will loan money to farmers to enable them to make permanent improvements of a productive nature for a sufficiently long period of time and at a low rate of interest with the privilege of re-paying the whole or any part at any time. The experience in other countries and in the Dominion of Canada demonstrates clearly that that is the kind of credit the agricultural industry requires," said Mr. Lucas.

The speaker explained that the Agricultural Credit Act passed by the Parliament of British Columbia at its last session was largely based on the Rural Credit Act in force in New Zealand. "British Columbia," he pointed out, "is a country of enormous natural resources in timber, minerals and fisheries, and offers exceptional opportunities for the profitable investment of capital and the employment of labor. The rapid growth of the coast cities has been phenomenal, the result being that men with capital coming to this province find many opportunities for investment that promise better returns than can reasonably be expected from farming, with the result that few men with capital engage in farming, efficient farm labor is scarce, and wages higher than the farmer can afford to pay."

What he called the "beneficial effects" of the rural credit system in New Zealand on agricultural production was gone into at some length by Mr. Lucas. At the time the system was introduced the per capita value of domestic products exported amounted to \$30. In 1912 they had risen to \$117.75, this being the highest of any country in the world, while the number of bank accounts had increased until there was one for every two and a half persons in the Dominion with a credit averaging \$207.

Following the address, Mr. Lucas was bombarded by questions. He explained in reply to one question that the commission had to be satisfied (before granting the credit) of the applicant's ability to make a living for himself. The character of a man counted for a great deal. Sobriety, industry and ability to work were essential. And the position of a man's land also counted for a great deal. If a man lived eighteen or more miles away from a railroad, for instance, the New Zealand and Australian Governments would not extend the loan as it was usually rather doubtful if anyone working so far from a market would be able to make a success of his farming unless engaged in sheep-growing or something of the kind.

A resolution asking that the premier's promise that the Agricultural Credits Act be made immediately effective was passed by a vote of the meeting.

Other Resolutions.

A resolution, drawn by the resolutions committee on that submitted by the Revelstoke Farmers' Institute, was passed. This suggested that the government pass some law whereby the peddling of farm produce should be regulated during market days in any town or city, where a public market was in operation.

After some discussion a resolution was brought in asking that, in view of the big part which the index of the province play in the success or failure of the local markets, the department should be asked to arrange for a meeting of the advisory board of the Women's Institute before the next annual meeting of that body in 1917. The members of this board are Miss Ravenhill, of Shawanigan Lake; Mrs. Johnston, of Nelson; Mrs. Lipsett, of Summerland; and Mrs. Davis, of Chilliwack. With them the department would take up the question of markets and home produce.

A resolution recommending the adoption of Clause 13 of the Agricultural Associations' Act was passed. The clause is as follows:

"That the delegates to the Central

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Institute may each year appoint from among their number members of a board to be known as the advisory board. The said board shall consist of six members, two from Vancouver Island, two from the Lower Mainland, and two from the Upper Mainland. The said board shall meet at the times and places designated by the minister, and shall advise the minister upon all matters of interest to the agricultural community. The members of the board shall receive no remuneration for their services, but shall be paid their actual travelling expenses."

W. R. Scott has promised that he will recommend the adoption of this to the minister of agriculture. Thirteen institutes sent in resolutions having to do with the control of the gopher pest, and after lengthy debate the following resolution was passed to cover all of these:

"That the government supplement

by an equal bounty any bounty given by local farmers' institutes thus compensating the bounty to districts where the pest is really bad, and asking that on their part the farming community will be willing to do what they can to help themselves in the extermination of the nuisance."

A resolution, introduced by the Evergreen Institute with respect to compelling lumber companies to relinquish agricultural land to settlers in cases where such land does not contain the amount of merchantable timber specified by the act or where such lands have been logged off, was passed.

An amendment to the game act was proposed. This will have the consideration of the provincial game warden. It asks that six birds be made the highest number that may be shot on any one day by any one person. A resolution introduced by the Rose Hill (near Kamloops) Institute, asking that the government purchase an artesian well-boring outfit for the purpose of helping to find water in the dry belt was carried by the meeting.

Poll Tax.

The Arrow Lakes Farmers' Institute asked the government to re-enact a form of poll tax to be collected or levied on people within the province who are contributing less than \$10 a year in taxes of other kinds. One reason for the introduction of this resolution was

that there were many people who had never contributed anything toward the upkeep of public institutions, schools, hospitals, etc. The original act was withdrawn by the Royal Commission on Taxation in 1911.

That progress in agricultural education depends upon investigating agricultural uncertainties was maintained by Professor Klinck, dean of the department of agriculture in the University of British Columbia, who yesterday addressed the convention.

Agriculture, said Dean Klinck, had received a great deal of attention from city people during the last eight or ten years. But the city could not be looked to for the solution of the agricultural problems. The city people, it was true, were responsible for much of the enthusiasm about agricultural education, but despite that for one man who went from the city to the country there were hundreds leaving the country for the city. This might be all right, for many of the young men in the country were not rural-minded, and would not make successful farmers.

On the contrary the man in the city who wanted to go to the country had not the knowledge necessary to undertake work on the farms. And this accounted for the great number of city men in the agricultural colleges in the New England States.

Dean Klinck referred to the criticism of the farmers when the first agricultural college was founded. And even to-day it was quite a general thing to hear farmers condemn farming colleges because the farms in connection with the schools did not pay. But there was no more reason why an agricultural college, primarily established for purposes of teaching, research and extension work, should pay in actual cash returns than a theological or medical college. And the same was true of the misconception about the separation of the agricultural college from the university campus. This should not be. Agricultural students as much as any others required long and arduous training, and should not be isolated from students in the other professions who received mutual benefit by coming in contact with each other.

GERMANY ASKS SPAIN.

Berlin, March 10.—Germany has asked Spain to represent German interests at Lisbon.

TWO TROOP TRAINS AT VANCOUVER FOR 62ND

Bantams Building Rapidly at
Beacon Hill; Talk of
Vernon Camp

Once again the bones of the 57th Battalion, Western Scots, that they might leave Victoria almost immediately have been shattered. Hope was expressed at the Willows yesterday morning that the battalion might get away this week. It was based on a report that there were four troop trains waiting at Vancouver. This, however, proved to be incorrect as there are only two trains there, according to a report received from Vancouver this morning. Two trains are needed for each battalion, and these evidently are for the 62nd, now stationed at Vancouver. Under these circumstances it is probable the Western Scots will be here at the very least another week. This is the opinion expressed in military circles to-day.

The 67th held a route march yesterday afternoon through South Saanich, wearing the new olive equipment. The daily routine is being carried on as usual.

Members of the 143rd Bantam Battalion who are busy at Beacon Hill building barracks have finished one structure and partially erected another. A drainage system has been installed, and a large number of recruits are living there now.

The building completed faces Heyward avenue, and is that which will be used for the quartermaster's stores when the barracks are complete. At present it is used as sleeping quarters for several of the men now quartered there.

The building partly built is one of the company rooms. There will be four of these, each large enough to hold about three hundred men. They will stand some distance apart from one another. In front of them will be space for parade grounds for each company, and in conjunction there will be two mess rooms, one each for two companies.

The following appointments, etc., have been made in the 67th Battalion: Lieut. Montgomery has returned from the base company to No. 2 company; Acting-Sergeant G. P. Gaiger is now sergeant, provisionally; Sergt. Major H. W. Lindsay is to be battalion sergeant-major, provisionally; and is transferred from No. 2 company to the staff; Corp. F. Paul is now sergeant in No. 2 company, provisionally.

Information contained in upper-country papers is to the effect that at Vernon it is fully expected that there will be a mobilization of troops this summer. It is said the troops will be stationed on Mission Hill again, as they were last summer. There is no official announcement to hand yet, but one dispatch relative to the matter says that Sir Samuel Hughes has ordered H. H. Stevens, M. P., that there would be a camp at Vernon for the summer of 1916.

The various drafts of the 172nd Battalion are being mobilized at Kamloops. There are now about one thousand on the strength. Sergt. E. Taaffe is carrying on recruiting at Vancouver to secure another hundred men for the battalion.

Col. Ogilvie, D. O. C., went to Vancouver last night with Col. J. Duff-Stuart, brigadier for the mainland section of Military District No. 11. Lieut. Col. Ross Cullin has just returned from Nanaimo where he presided at a military court martial, the finding of which has been sent to district headquarters. Lieut. Col. Cullin says that the company of the 88th Battalion stationed at Duncan is doing exceptionally good training work.

RECRUITING ACTIVE

Mining Operator Here From South
Australia; Other Passengers on
Mail Steamer.

"There is little to add to what the prime minister, Mr. Hughes told you on his arrival here by the previous mail steamer," said W. S. Robinson, a passenger on the R. M. S. Niagara which berthed this morning from the "Antipodes," when asked by the Times how recruiting is progressing in Australia. "Our energies are devoted to providing for the men required for reinforcements, and to fill the new levies."

Mr. Robinson is associated with the great smelter at Port Pirie, South Australia. He spoke of the general activities throughout the commonwealth in all lines of industry. He is proceeding with Mrs. Robinson and family to London.

R. E. Oldfield, an insurance man from London England, who is making a round the world tour, was met at the wharf by R. W. Douglas of this city.

Commissioner Hodder, of the Salvation Army in Korea, and Brigadier Bray were also passengers. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Coste, and daughters, who are now residents of Calgary, debarked after a visit to Honolulu. They will make a short stay here. Mr. Coste was formerly in the Dominion government service, carrying out important engineering works.

TWO WERE KILLED.

The Dallas, Ore., March 10.—Fireman Lew Kaster and Brakeman J. W. Stinson were killed and Engineer Alfred Williamson was seriously injured as a result of the wreck of a freight train between Wasco and Biggs on the Shaviko branch of the Oregon-Washington R. R. & N. Company early to-day.

"The spelling book's all wrong, mamma!" Why, so, Ethel? "Because it don't look right for a little thing like a kitten to have six letters and a big cat to only have three."

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IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY TENNIS CLUB

Last night's meeting of the Victoria Lawn Tennis Club at the Alexandra Cafe, for the purpose of making preliminary arrangements for a big season, was a very enthusiastic affair. H. J. Garrett occupied the chair, and two very important resolutions were passed. The first had regard to entrance fees and recommended that they should be abolished until next October.

A second, provided that soldiers for overseas service should be permitted to become temporary members of the club for the small fee of \$1 per month. Many members of the Victoria Tennis Club have responded to the call of the empire, and the membership has become materially reduced. In consequence, but the passing of the above resolutions should help the club to fill its depleted ranks. Preparations are now under way for the staging of a Red Cross tennis tournament, which will be open to members of the various clubs in the city.

He was a fragile youth, she a maiden fair. They were engaged for the next dance. "Would you prefer to sit it out?" he asked tenderly. She agreed, and they sat on the stairs. At least, the lady did. The male portion of the partnership rose more hastily than he sat down; his face assumed a very pained expression, and he gasped for breath. "Oh, M. Point, what kind of attack is it?" exclaimed the girl excitedly. "What earthly difference does it make so long as it was one?" he growled. Then, without a word of apology, he strode away. But how was she to know that it was just a common or stair-carpet tack that had been standing on its head?

After the Germans' success on the Yser the following notice was posted up in a number of Belgian towns: "With God's aid we have gained a decisive victory. We crossed the Yser and repulsed the allied troops over a distance of seven kilometres. We made 15,000 Belgians prisoners. When Belgium is completely conquered we will give it to France for the sum of seventeen milliard of francs."

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"Now, my son," said the conscientious father, "tell me why I punished you." "That's it," blubbered the boy, indignantly. "First you whip me, an' now you don't know what you did it for."

"How to talk to the wounded.—"What the Boches can't stand, you know, ma'am, is cold steel." "Yes, I suppose it gets very cold this time of year."—Punch.

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CONFERENCE ON TRADE IN LONDON IN JUNE

Victoria Board of Trade to Send
Representative; Recommendations Approved

A letter from the British Imperial Council of Commerce on the question of imperial trade and commerce within the British empire after the war was before the quarterly meeting of the board of trade yesterday afternoon, having been referred back to the board by the committee of trade with the following recommendations:

"That while it would be desirable to copy in many respects the methods of regulating trade, it is recommended that the following should receive careful consideration:

"That the tariffs established in any part of the British empire should give preference to allied nations and a further preference to all parts of the empire without limiting, however, the right of each self-governing portion of the empire to regulate its own fiscal laws.

"That all tariffs should be so framed as to develop diversity of manufacture within the empire.

"That all governments within the empire should confine, as far as possible, their purchases to goods manufactured within the empire either by private firms or in government work-shops.

"That the shipping laws and regulations should favor the shipment of goods from one port to another within the empire in vessels under the British flag, registered in some part of the empire, or in vessels belonging to the allied powers."

There is to be a trade conference in London in June at which representatives from all over the empire are asked to attend. Victoria will be represented and the foregoing recommendations will be the basis of the Victoria Board of Trade view at that conference. It was resolved that copies of recommendations should be sent to all the boards of trade in British Columbia, to the most important ones in Canada, to Sir George E. Foster, minister of trade and commerce; to Sir Richard McBride; to the boards of trade in the important cities of Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, and to the delegate from the Victoria Board of Trade to the conference who would be instructed to move their adoption.

J. J. Shallcross moved the adoption of the recommendations and spoke on German and British trade. He said that when peace came he thought it would be suddenly, and there would then be no time for preparation of new trade plans. These would have to be made in advance. He spoke of the German control in some lines of commerce, and the necessity of an organization in British trade that would include preference to imperial products.

J. O. Cameron seconded Mr. Shallcross's motion for the adoption of the recommendations, and Mr. Lugin referred to the fact that there is to be a conference of ministerial heads of the allied nations in Paris shortly on the matter of trade relations. He was anxious to see, he said, that Hon. T. W. Paterson had taken part in drafting the recommendations before the board.

Mr. Cameron said if the recommendations were carried at the London conference, it would provide preferential trade with Australia, which the board had been trying to obtain for some years.

A report was read by C. H. Lugin on the work of the food products committee. He reported considerable progress in the work of co-operation by the farmers, and spoke of the necessity of co-operation with them by the retailers, wholesalers and railways. He thanked the secretary of the board of trade for his assistance in the work.

Following a short discussion the resolution was carried and a copy ordered sent to the department of agriculture. Beaumont Boggs proposed support to an amendment to the Naturalization Act as advocated by the Winnipeg

Board of Trade. He said the change would be in line with the proposals of the anti-German union of which he is president of the Victoria branch. The following resolution, copies of which are to be sent to the proper authorities, was carried:

"That subjects of sovereigns or governments in whose countries the law obtains that a subject may not renounce his allegiance or change his citizenship should not be allowed the right to vote in Canada until such time as such governments concede finally the full right of their subjects to change their nationality and waive all further claims upon such subjects."

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Albert Lea, Minn.—"For about a year I had sharp pains across my back and hips and was hardly able to move around the house. My head would ache and I was dizzy and had no appetite. After taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Liver Pills, I am feeling stronger than for years. I have a little boy eight months old and am doing my work all alone. I would not be without your remedies in the house as there are none like them."—Mrs. F. E. Yost, 611 Water St., Albert Lea, Minn.

Three Doctors Gave Her Up.

Pittsburg, Penn.—"Your medicine has helped me wonderfully. When I was a girl 18 years old I was always sickly and delicate and suffered from irregularities. Three doctors gave me up and said I would go into consumption. I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and with the third bottle began to feel better. I soon became regular and I got strong and shortly after I was married. Now I have two nice stout healthy children and am able to work hard every day."—Mrs. CLEMENTINA DUEHRING, 34 Gardner St., Troy Hill, Pittsburg, Penn.

All women are invited to write to the Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass., for special advice. It will be confidential.

VANCOUVER ISLAND

DIVISION OF A.O.F.

Inauguration of New District
to Take Place To-morrow
Afternoon

Vancouver Island is to become a separate and distinct division of the Columbia district of the Ancient Order of Foresters. Sanction for the change was received from the high court of the order in England, following representation made some time ago by the island court of the lodge, Victoria, Nanaimo, Alberni, Ladysmith, Cumberland, Duncan, Cobble Hill and Cedar Hill, will be comprised in the new district.

To-morrow afternoon the inauguration of the Vancouver Island district will take place at a convention of delegates to be held in the A. O. F. Hall, Broad Street. Officers of the new district will be elected, and the installation will be presided over by W. F. Fullerton, P. D. C. R. Columbia district. In the evening there will be a social gathering, when a vocal and instrumental programme will be given under Foresters auspices, and friends and visitors welcomed. There will be dancing after 9 o'clock, and a buffet supper during the evening.

LECTURE SERIES.

Women's Canadian Club Has Interesting Programme for Next Three Months.

The lecture series arranged by the programme committee of the Women's Canadian Club to take place during March, April and May, has already been started, and the following further interesting numbers are scheduled, to take place on the dates specified in the ballroom of the Alexandra Club commencing at 8.30 o'clock:

Tuesday, March 21, "Conditions After the Franco-Prussian War," R. E. Gosnell.

Tuesday, April 4, "Conditions After the Present War," Ernest McGaffey.

Tuesday, April 4, Mrs. McNaughton will address the club.

Tuesday, May 2, "Australia," Joseph Hinton; "New Zealand," Miss Cecelia Green.

Tuesday, May 16, "South Africa."

The committee have in view an East Indian who is being asked to give a lecture on "India" in order that the list of papers on British Dominions may be complete.

Country School Teacher—"You notice that boy who stands at the foot of his class? Well, just summer he was the brightest boy in school." Committee-man—"He is now. I notice the foot of the class is nearest the stove."

"Up in the Arctic regions the nights are six months long," remarked the Extensive Traveler. "Thasso!" said the Inebriated One. "Ge! Think of the crowd of Eskimos singing 'We won't go home until morning.'"

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, March 10.—5 a. m.—The barometer remains low over Northern B. C., and unsettled, mild weather is general, with heavy rains on the Coast and the Lower Mainland. 32nd weather also extends eastward to Alberta, while in Manitoba zero temperatures prevail.

Forecasts.
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Saturday.
Victoria and vicinity—Easterly and southerly winds, unsettled and mild, with occasional rain.

Lower Mainland—Light to moderate easterly winds, unsettled and mild, with rain.

Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 30.55; temperature, maximum yesterday, 51; minimum, 41; wind, 8 miles E. S. E.; rain, .25; weather, cloudy.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.28; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 36; wind, 8 miles E.; rain, 1.08; weather, raining.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.12; temperature, maximum yesterday, 52; minimum, 36; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .02; weather, clear.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.84; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 34; wind, 24 miles S. W.; weather, cloudy.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.74; temperature, maximum yesterday, 50; minimum, 36; wind, 8 miles S. E.; rain, .22; weather, rain.

Tatlayash—Barometer, 30.21; temperature, minimum yesterday, 46; wind, 24 miles S.; rain, 1.16; weather, raining.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.30; temperature, maximum yesterday, 60; minimum, 36; wind, 4 miles S.; rain, .01; weather, raining.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.34; temperature, maximum yesterday, 54; minimum, 36; wind, 16 miles S.; rain, trace; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, maximum yesterday, 72; minimum, 54; wind, 4 miles S.; weather, clear.

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TO HONOR MEMORY OF SIR JAMES DOUGLAS

Lady Douglas Chapter to Hold Anniversary Celebration at Empress on Tuesday

The Lady Douglas Chapter celebration of the landing of Sir James Douglas and the founding of Victoria on March 14, 1843, will be held on the anniversary date, Tuesday, March 14, at the Empress ballroom, and arrangements are being made to have a programme which will in some measure come up to the auspiciousness of the event of 73 years ago.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Barnard have kindly consented to act as patrons of the event, also the Hon. W. J. Bowser and Mrs. Bowser and the Hon. Rev. Bishop Scriven and Mrs. Scriven. There will also be present Mrs. Dennis Harris, a daughter of Sir James Douglas, and her daughters. Other grandchildren of British Columbia's first governor will be present—Mrs. Bolton, Mrs. Fitzherbert Bullen, Mrs. McTavish and Mrs. W. Higgins.

A very interesting programme will comprise an address by Mr. Gossell on "Some of the Men Who Have Made British Columbia," which, needless to say, will make special reference to Sir James Douglas, the founder of the provincial capital; also a musical programme being arranged by Mrs. J. D. Heincken. Among those who will take part in this latter will be Willie Balagno, the boy violinist, who will be accompanied at the piano by Miss Denise Harris; Mrs. Briggs, and Miss Lotus Griffiths, vocalists.

THE MACHINE.

The chief engineer, with a cynical leer, looked up the "machine" to the infernal gear.

And called on the people from platform and steeple

To witness the stunts of this wonder-machine.

And he opened the throttle, and likewise a bottle.

And said: "All is yours if you'll only vote straight."

And the cinema started, and here's what they saw:

Up-to-date ferries and terminal ferries, stately wood ships being launched from the slips.

Rich "compensation" for half of the nation.

Miles of steel laid (tho' the stuff wasn't made).

Dredges decrepit that let down a bucket (The chief engineer pulled the wrong lever here).

And scooped up some muskels and called it "all rock."

Spavined old nags only fit for the knackers.

Some that were wait-eyed and some that were slackers.

And vets that grew rich as a lord overnight.

Oyster bed leases and "better terms" wheezes.

Blue blooded cattle, all sold for a rattle, A sprinkling of "goats" and promissory notes.

Slivach reserves and glucose preserves, Contracts for cellars to drug dealing fellows.

Coal by the barge at exorbitant charges, Rifles and shells for patronage swells.

"Pigs" that were "blind" and couldn't see straight.

And voters who zig-zagged and got there too late).

Shuffled ballot boxes—ah, there was the rub!

They just wouldn't stuff—things went wrong with the rub!

And the chief engineer with a horrible leer.

He pulled every wire, and still she'd back-fire.

He flung in the furnace his fifty cent coal.

And emptied the garbage tins into the hold.

All this, and then some, the people all saw.

And they weren't having any, they'd been there before.

And the chief engineer with an asinine grin

Was "rushed to completion" in less than a day.

MOWBRAY.

March 8.

Magistrate—"Describe what passed between you in the quarrel with your wife."

Accused—"The plates were regular dinner size, your worship, and the teapot had a broken spout!"

One afternoon a good housewife hustled into the corner grocery of the country town where she lived and threw a package on the counter with some show of impetuosity. "It's them matches I bought here last week!" indignantly exclaimed the woman.

"They're no good! They won't strike!" "Just look at this, madam," said the store-keeper, picking up one match after another and striking them on his toe. "They're all right." "Maybe they are," sarcastically rejoined the customer. "But do you think that when I want to light a fire I can come all the way in from the farm to strike a match on your old shoe?"

Of simple understandings, little inquisitive and little instructed, are made good Christians, who by reverence and obedience implicitly believe, and are constant in their belief.—Montaigne.

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There are now six in good working order, and the numbers of all ranks is about 120. Owing to the generosity of C. A. Holland, the Scouts now have two rooms on Broughton Street which constitute a most admirable headquarters for the association and where the committee can hold meetings to transact the business of the association.

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ROTARY CLUB HOLDS QUARTERLY DINNER

Civic Loyalty is Theme of Several Speakers; Entertaining Programme

The quarterly dinner of the Victoria Rotary Club was held at the Empress Hotel last night, there being about eighty people present. The speakers chose as their subject "civic loyalty," and made short speeches referring to matters connected with the welfare of the city. There was an entertaining vocal programme, and a number of lantern slides of Victoria, showing scenes dating from 1860 up to the present were shown by James Rice, manager of Pantages Theatre. Songs were rendered by Mrs. Benedict Bantly and Miss Anita Heyman. A Charlie Chaplin impersonation was given by a young son of C. H. F. Carter. The speakers were Alderman A. E. Todd, Frank Higgins, Thomas Walker, G. Denham and J. M. Edwards. P. C. Abell read a paper by G. C. Fraser, who was unable to be present.

Buying in Victoria. The advantage to the community of developing the habit of buying in Victoria was outlined by Alderman Todd. He referred to the future of this city from the tourist standpoint, spoke of the necessity of preparing for future travel, the increasing freight traffic from the grain fields of the prairies, and the necessity of communication with the mainland. He referred also to the several civic improvements he has consistently supported for years, and hoped that for the welfare of the community they would eventually be obtained.

Thomas Walker told of the fruit growing industry at Gordon Head, of the success that had been attained there by the strawberry growers last year, and their plans for marketing their product this year. The growers of the district had, he said, co-operated successfully, and planned to market most of their produce on the prairies this year. He said the outlook was very bright for this section.

Mr. Higgins said that the "boosting" of Victoria must be accompanied by something more. There must be something to give the tourist when he arrived. In this connection he mentioned the flight made by the club for the necessary legislation in connection with the sale water baths project, and congratulated the club on the success that had been attained. He spoke of the necessity of loyalty both ways in buying at home. It was the duty of the storekeeper and the manufacturer to supply the customer with a good and as cheap an article as could be bought elsewhere. The high cost of living in Victoria, disclosed one vital consideration, namely the necessity for making Victoria a free port. This would be of immense advantage to the community.

Mr. Denham referred to the many things that were here to attract the visitor and how easy it should be to get permanent residents. Mr. Fraser's paper was on the subject of industrial progress. Where the price and quality were equal to those of outside dealers, the local product should get the preference. He took advantage of the presence of the ladies to make the appeal direct to them. He also referred to the part that advertising must play in keeping the buyer acquainted with the goods.

Mr. Edwards expressed similar views. Conditions, he said, were made by the people and buying at home could be made a habit. Several local industries, he said, were depending greatly on out of town sales because of lack of sales at home.

The views shown by Mr. Rice included some which had been exhibited at the Panama Pacific Exposition. Others showed the profusion of flowers here in the winter. Mr. Rice proffered the advance to all to send photographs of homes in Victoria away to friends to illustrate the beauties of the residential section. He told how a photograph of his own home had been reproduced in the last issue of the Ladies' Home Journal with the information that the flowers were blooming and strawberries in season in November. It had been shown in the first page of that highly popular magazine with four other reproductions of photographs taken in different parts of the world, and would undoubtedly give Victoria a lot of publicity of the right sort.

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